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School Committee Votes 5-2...

AIDS Curriculum Reaffirmed At Raucous School Meeting

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

The School Committee confirmed its support of the AIDS Education Curriculum, including the condom demonstration, presented last year at Agawam High School, by a vote of 5-2 at the Tuesday, May 10th meeting.

Postponed from the last meeting due to the Mayor's car accident, the vote on Superintendent of Schools Bernard Ryder's recommendations for AIDS Awareness and Prevention drew nearly 100 angry residents to the Middle School auditorium.

Flared Into Angry Outbursts

The emotionally-charged atmosphere surrounding the sensitive and controversial issue twice flared into angry outbursts from the audience. The disruptions to the meeting caused Mayor Christopher C. Johnson, committee chairman, to threaten to have the spectators cleared from the hall. "Please remember you're at a public meeting," admonished Johnson.

Voicing their support for the AIDS curriculum developed by Kathleen E. McSweeney, director of Athletics, Health, and Physical Education, School Committee members Louise David and Scott Macey both said they were reluctantly voting against the program because they oppose the condom demonstration.

"Last year I was against the condom demonstrations. This year I'm against the condom demonstrations, and next year I'll be against condom demonstrations," Macey said. "I don't think it's necessary."

Although in support of giving students information on condom use and misuse, Mrs. David said, "You don't need to show it. I fail to see why a condom demonstration is so valuable."

More than a dozen residents addressed the committee during Citizen's Speak Time. Most expressed their opposition to a curriculum that teaches the use of condoms as a means of helping to prevent the spread of AIDS. Moreover, the parents once again asked that the committee substitute a sex education curriculum based on abstinence from sexual activity before marriage (as the only sure method of disease prevention).

However, Feeding Hills resident Kathleen Mounimeh read a letter in support of the AIDS curriculum from community activist Iris Copson, who was unable to attend the meeting. In the letter, Mrs. Copson thanked the School Committee for not being part of the "ostrich syndrome" by presenting students with vital information on preventing the spread of AIDS.

SEE AIDS CURRICULUM - Page 2...

Roberta Doering Elected As National School Boards Chief

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Agawam School Committee member Roberta Doering was named President-elect of The National School Boards Association at the delegate assembly held in New Orleans.

Mrs. Doering will assume her duties as the association's president at the NSBA national conference in San Francisco next April.

Headquartered in Alexandria, Virginia, the NSBA draws its members from local school boards in all 50 states as well as Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and Guam.

Primarily an advocacy group for public education, the NSBA has adopted President Clinton's Goals 2000 for public education nationwide.

"We'll be making sure the local school boards have a hand in that," Mrs. Doering said.

As president of the NSBA, Mrs. Doering will continue to stress the importance of focusing on the whole child while addressing the educational, emotional, and physical needs of the child. "If they're not healthy, they're not going to learn," Mrs. Doering commented. "There's a strong correlation between healthy children and the way they learn."

SEE MRS. DOERING - Education Section...

Council Bickers About Policies On Clerk's Job

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

By a 6-4 vote and an abstention from Council President James Taylor, Town Council on May 2nd adopted a resolution outlining the policies that will govern the position of Town Council clerk.

Former councilors Joanne Willis and Louis Russo addressed the council during Citizen's Speak Time to protest that the Council Clerk Review Committee (Nancy Thompson Gravel [chairwoman], Vivian Dziardziel, and David Skolnick) in recommending the new policies, was sidestepping its original mission of looking into charges that Council President James Taylor had created a stressful and intimidating work environment for long-time Clerk Ursula Retzler.

Mrs. Thompson Gravel said, "The policies are being put in place by this resolution because nothing had been in writing in relation to the issues related to the council clerk position."

Mrs. Thompson Gravel said the new policies included a written job evaluation tool in keeping with the other employees of the Town of Agawam, and the adoption of a liaison committee of town councilors to deal with any future grievances related to the position of council clerk.

According to Mrs. Thompson Gravel, the written policies and procedures would benefit the council as well as the council clerk, present and future.

"Documentation of excellence in job performance is just as critical as documentation of non-performance," Mrs. Thompson Gravel said.

Citing a letter from the council clerk dated April 25th, Councilor Edward Caba said adopting the resolution was an insult to the whole council as well as to the council clerk. Calling on the council to reject the committee's resolution, Caba asked that the rules governing the council clerk position presently in place be retained. "We must deal with our whole conscience in our own hearts as to how we treat our employees."

Caba complained that the resolution did not address the central issues in the controversy as raised by Russo and Mrs. Willis during Citizen's Speak Time.

Councilor Thomas Ennis said he was disappointed that the committee did not offer job descriptions for all of the council's employees, as was the intent of the council in forming the committee.

Councilor Gary Suffriti said the committee's work failed to address the real issue that brought the problem to the council's attention. "The real issue should be addressed ... the problem between the council clerk and the council president is the issue."

Councilor Walter Balboni said the issue of future problems between the council clerk and the council president or vice-president had yet to be resolved. "Until such time as I get something in my hands to eliminate the source of irritation in future years, I will not support this issue."

SEE COUNCIL CLERK - Page 2...



ROBERTA G. DOERING

COUNCIL CLERK - from Page 1...

Suffriti placed little faith in a liaison committee of three randomly chosen councilors to mediate disputes between the council clerk and the council.

According to Suffriti, the problems of the council clerk were taken care of when "a few councilors went to bat for her. If that poor lady had to depend on that liaison committee, she'd really be in trouble."

Councilor Robert Danie voiced his support of having a set of rules and procedures to deal with any future problems that might arise between the clerk and the council.

Ennis added that the liaison committee would likely be appointed by the council leadership and added, "If the council clerk had to survive on some of our performances, she'd be hard pressed." Ennis objected to the committee's failure to look at all the council's employees. "The council specifically voted to go and look at all the employees we had and instead they ignored it."

Voting in favor of the resolution were Mrs. Thompson Gravel, Jill Simpson, Vivian Dziardziel, Danie, George Bitzas, and Skolnick. Voting against were Caba, Balboni, Suffriti, and Ennis.

In other business, the council accepted the third reading of the ordinance to change the street frontage requirement for property in the Business B zone to 100 feet for business development.

Applications for a weekly amusement license and a video license for Bobby's Lounge on Suffield Street were tabled until the owners can appear before the council to answer questions related to the entertainment being proposed for the lounge.

At its next meeting, the council will consider the transfer of \$55,000 from the reserve fund to cover damages awarded to Patrolman Steven Draghetti in his suit against former police chief Stanley Chmielewski, as well as the transfer of \$14,500 to purchase a vehicle to replace the Mayor's Crown Victoria that was demolished in a traffic accident on April 26th.

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AIDS CURRICULUM REAFFIRMED - from Page 1...

After a lengthy discussion mainly centering on the issues related to the condom demonstration (that had students in mixed-gender classes slipping condoms over each other's fingers last year), the committee rejected an amendment to strike the demonstration altogether.

The committee also rejected an amendment to have the demonstration done by a teacher in single gender classes.

Don't Strike Condom Demonstrations

Committee Vice-Chairwoman Linda Galarneau said nixing the condom demonstration would be a mistake. She defended the policy of holding the demonstrations in mixed gender classes to emphasize the shared responsibility of the decision to become sexually active.

In an effort to satisfy some of the concerns raised by the parents, Johnson proposed three amendments to the AIDS curriculum. All were accepted.

Although parental permission will be needed to opt students out of the program, the permission slips will be sent home in the mail to insure that

parents are aware that the classes are taking place. Also, more detailed information on the contents of the course will be included in the mailing (along with instructions on how parents can obtain a copy of the entire curriculum).

Johnson said the curriculum as written does not reflect that abstinence is the cornerstone of the program (even though teachers are stressing abstinence). He proposed that more information on abstinence be included in the course materials.

After a year as one of the leaders of the effort to convince School Department officials to substitute an abstinence-based curriculum for Agawam Schools, parent Denise Fitzgerald said, "I feel victorious. I'm thrilled with the show of support from the parents. This issue needs to be in the hands of the parents."

Mrs. Fitzgerald said that by notifying parents by mail, the issue of parental permission would be taken out of the hands of the children and into the hands of the parents.

Veterans' Council Plans To Flag Graves

The Agawam Veterans' Council has set plans to flag the graves of Agawam Veterans on Saturday, May 21st (rain date: May 28th).

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, in all cities and towns where there are cemeteries containing the remains of deceased veterans, a United States flag will be placed upon each grave.

The Veterans' Council is encouraging participa-

tion in this annual "labor of love." Boys' and girls' scout organizations and interested residents are invited to help. Volunteers will meet at the Agawam Center Cemetery and the Springfield Street Cemetery at 9:00 a.m. All help is appreciated.

For further information, please contact any Veterans' Council member or call Veterans Agent Ruth Bitzas at Town Hall, 786-0400, ext. 236 or 237.

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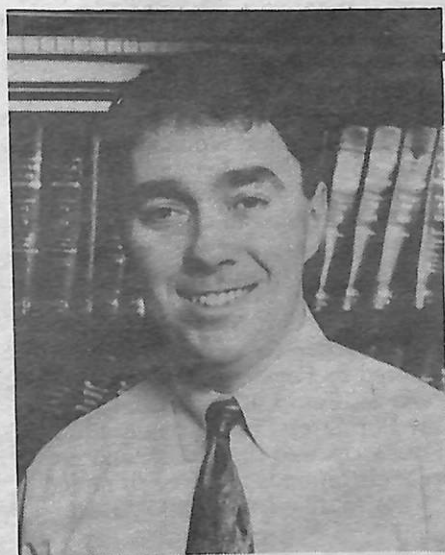
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Letters To The Editor

Hampden County Chiropractic Pleased With "Open House"

To The Editor:

We at Hampden County Chiropractic would like to thank all of our friends for being part of our first anniversary open house. We were pleased to see so many old and new friends.

The winners of the door prizes were as follows: Peter Ferland of Wilbraham won a cervical pillow; Cece Calabrese of Feeding Hills won a polo shirt; and Shawn Roughgarden of Springfield won a backhugger pillow.

Congratulations to the winners! Thanks again to all, and we are looking forward to next year's open house.

Dr. Tami Nelson
Hampden County Chiropractic
850 Springfield Street
Feeding Hills

Teacher Appreciation At Granger A Great Success

To The Editor:

The staff of Granger School would like to extend its thanks to the Agawam Community Resources Committee; the Agawam Chapter of UNICO; the Agawam High School Future Teachers' Club and its advisors, Mr. Figy and Mr. Orefice; the Agawam Junior Women's Club; Senator Linda Melconian; State Representative Michael Walsh; Mrs. Dian Curran; H.P. Hood Company; the Agawam High School Graphic Arts Department; and everyone else involved with the delicious pancake breakfast which was served to the teachers on Friday, May 6th, in honor of Teacher Appreciation Week.

We all enjoyed the food as well as the hospitality. We appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,
Granger School staff

State Rep. Candidate Taylor Invites Public To Fundraiser

To The Editor:

Having been twice elected to the City Council in Agawam and having served two years as Council President, I am now seeking election to the position of State Representative for the Third Hampden District.

My experience working with elected officials and executive agencies at the state level will benefit the people of the district as we continue to fight for recognition here in Western Massachusetts.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite the residents of the district to a pasta and meatball dinner at the Polish American Club in Agawam on Sunday, June 5th, 1994 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. This will be a great opportunity for old friends to meet

and new acquaintances to be made.

Advance tickets are available from The Taylor Committee office at 786-0300. I look forward to meeting the people of Agawam, Southwick, Granville, Tolland, Blandford, and Russell and discussing the issues that are important to them.

Sincerely,
James D. Taylor
State Representative Candidate
and President, Agawam City Council

State Rep. Candidate Bitzas Thanks Public For Support

To The Editor:

I would like to express my deepest thanks to all those who attended my fundraising reception at the Oaks Banquet House on Friday evening, May 6th. Your support and help is greatly appreciated.

I would also like to express my thanks to my wife, Peggy; my campaign manager, Patrick Nolan; treasurer Andrew Jorgensen; coordinator Joanne McGeoghan; and advisors Jane Gallerani, Ron LaLancette, Ray Moreau, Attorney William Walsh, Maria Sutton, Sally Edson, Susan Jorgensen, Chester Dziardziel, Sam Siano, Laura Harrington, Tom Tierney, Barry Ward, Gary Gannini, Sue Hearn, and Diana and Steve Penna, for their making my reception such a success and helping me in my campaign trail. It will not be an easy campaign, but we are prepared to work hard to win.

With your continued support and your vote, I feel we will be successful.

Sincerely,
George Bitzas
Vice President, Agawam City Council
Candidate for State Representative

Lack Of Privacy At Condo Leads To Call For Justice

To The Editor:

In June of 1988, my husband and I purchased a lovely condo at Suffield Commons, which is now known as Longbrook Estates. It is located on the entrance street where all of those entering and exiting must travel.

Prior to the purchase, I questioned the representative of Andover Trust, the original owners of the complex, regarding privacy since the unit bordered the access road and I was assured that a brick wall was to line this entrance area. That answer was sufficient for us and we made the purchase.

With fiscal problems and a slowing economy, this company went under like so many others. This happened prior to the installation of the wall. DePalma/Pacella bid on the complex and purchased it.

You see, we have a small deck facing the road and we love to sit out and the wall would give me the privacy to do a little gardening which I love in our small yard. I and others brought this issue up at a Condo Assn. meeting and we were assured by DePalma/Pacella that they would do something, and they did. Each side of the street was lined with hemlock bushes and they've grown and provided some privacy. However, while the bushes on our side of the road remained healthy, those on the opposite side died.

On Friday, May 6th, my husband called me at work very upset. Every other bush was removed and placed across the street. Our little bit of privacy was gone — I felt when my husband called that it couldn't be too bad, until I arrived home from work and needless to say, I was in shock.

I waited for my neighbor who serves as one of the trustees to arrive home and we questioned him about the situation. I reminded him of the

meeting where DePalma/Pacella assured all of us the privacy promised and he did recall the meeting and the assurances made by the new owners.

The reason he gave was that the landscaper indicated that the bushes were too close together and toward the end of the conversation, he alluded to limited funds. Of course, I knew my inquiry was most likely futile since this was obviously a done deal without notification of those affected, but I needed to have my say.

I owned a home here in town for 28 years prior to moving to Longbrook. I recall my next door neighbor planting about 25 of the exact same type bushes and I recall they looked to me as though they were planted a bit close. Those bushes flourished and are now a living wall providing privacy.

Why am I sitting here feeling hurt and disappointed that good faith assurances were violated by the owner and feel the need to write this? Well, to take my mind off the matter, I picked up my *Advertiser News* and read the front page article about Agawam's winning the court case on Tuckahoe Farm.

I'd like to quote the remarks made by Ralph DePalma, who I've always had a good impression of in past years. He said, "Hey, it's not easy fighting City Hall. I think everyone knows that. I knew it from day one but I'm doing what I believe is right, just as the town is doing what it has to do."

He goes on to say, "My rights were violated..., I still believe in the American system and the American sense of justice, and as long as there is hope, I will continue to pursue it."

Well, I believe in the same, Mr. DePalma, and I'm hurting, too. I don't have the money to hire lawyers and I attended that meeting and I believed that DePalma/Pacella would keep their word regarding the privacy issue described above.

My husband and I feel that you and your company violated your word to us, and yes, I, too, still believe in the American system and the American sense of justice, and I, too, hope, oh how I hope, that you will rectify this situation with a sense of equity and good conscience.

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LETTERS - from Page 4...

In my nearly 40 years living in Agawam, this is my first letter through the editor on a personal issue, as I'm a private type of person who doesn't like making waves. But somehow in my heart of hearts, I now realize how badly people need to use their freedom of speech not only to address moral or civic issues alone, but personal as well.

I hope, Mr. DePalma, that you will consider the above and act in the name of "JUSTICE."

Written in the spirit of sincerity,
Ruth A. Bitzas
93 Dogwood Lane
Longbrook Estates
Agawam

Tough To Cross Street In Feeding Hills Center

To The Editor:

Thanks to Mayor Christopher Johnson, I have a copy of a state law on public ways and works, Chapter 89, Section 11, which stipulates that "pedestrians have priority while crossing a public street that do not have traffic lights. Drivers shall yield the right of way, slowing down or stopping, if necessary, as to yield to pedestrians crossing within same crosswalks."

"Whoever violates any provision of this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars."

The Mayor, the town's superintendent of Public Works, and two members of the Town Council are aware of my concern about this problem.

Because of my efforts, there are signs posted at the side of the road in various locations in town indicating the law and the fine. They are located on North West Street beyond the Westfield line approaching Agawam; on the Strathmore Bridge; Suffield Street Route 75, just beyond the state line with the word "pedestrian" still misspelled after two years; and on Route 57, just beyond the

rotary.

At the South End Bridge, westbound, where the sign is about 20 yards off the road, it's virtually useless. One location where a sign might have some impact (because traffic is forced to move slowly) is on the Agawam Bridge by the Dunkin' Donuts where there is NO sign.

Many of the 351 communities in the Commonwealth do enforce the law in a variety of ways, including where there is heavy pedestrian traffic. They include Westfield, Ludlow, East Longmeadow, Longmeadow, Hyannis, Northampton, Lenox, and Pittsfield.

Recently, I attempted to cross Springfield Street within the crosswalk between the Feeding Hills Post Office and Westbank (where the paint has faded to being almost invisible). I stood on the edge of the road, making it very evident that I was attempting to cross the street.

I counted 27 cars flying by me, including an Agawam Police cruiser that was not on an emergency run. Finally, in desperation and frustration, I carefully moved out in the road, put my hand up to stop traffic, and crossed; it was a risky and hazardous move on my part.

I also witnessed an elderly lady with small children running across the same poorly painted crosswalk.

I'm sure that the elected and appointed officials of Agawam share my concern for the safety and well-being of the citizens of this town. Contrary to the official response I received, I am not suggesting "signage in the middle of the crosswalks in the Town of Agawam."

I AM suggesting ALL crosswalks get a fresh, heavy-duty painting, with signs at key, active pedestrian crosswalks, i.e. Feeding Hills Post Office and Granger School, as well as other appropriate crosswalk locations in the town.

There is a need for public awareness, compliance, and enforcement relevant to this problem before someone is killed or seriously injured.

Also, the pedestrian-controlled buttons for traffic lights at the main Feeding Hills Center in-

tersection and in front of the Stop & Shop crosswalk allow SIX SECONDS to walk across the street. This is adequate time for me and many other people, but certainly not for others for a variety of reasons, including age, handicaps, etc.

The crosswalk dilemma has been going on for over two years. As my former boss at Channel 22, Bill Putnam, used to say (when things were not getting accomplished) "[expletive] - make it ake it happen!"

John S. Mullen
Feeding Hills

Firehouse On Elm Street Is Town's "White Demon"

To The Editor:

At one time, I had a neighbor with a son that was a seven year-old demon. This boy ran away from home and after some time, I realized he was never found. I was informed that nobody went looking for him.

We have a "White Demon" on Elm St. called a firehouse. These firefighters risk their lives on our behalf and reside under poor and unsafe conditions.

After a 24-hour tiring stint, he looks at his work boots, and comments, "The finest footprints in the sands of time were made by work boots."

Nobody in City Hall has gone looking for this demon and as a result, our firefighters have joined the ranks of lost and forgotten ones.

Stop being blinded by expensive, shiny shoes and recognize the demon. We may not be responsible for the disease, but were are capable to find a remedy or cure.

Dan Courtney
Feeding Hills

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Auto Insurance Bill Gets Boost From AG

The Massachusetts Attorney General's office has issued its investigatory report on S.1548, the Automobile Insurance Reform bill passed by the Senate in January 1994. The bill has been stalled in the House by pressures from the insurance industry, whose fraud on the public has attempted to frighten House members into inaction on the important issue of auto insurance reform.

The report by Attorney General Scott Harshbarger's Office was conducted by Milliman and Robertson, Inc., a nationally recognized actuarial consultant, in response to an inquiry from House Chairman Francis Mara of the Joint Committee on Insurance.

"The Attorney General has confirmed in his report that the insurance industry has lied once again. The industry has misled the public with inaccurate presumptions and inflated actuarial projections since 1988," stated Senator Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield).

She continued, "The industry has stood behind a model which uses its own finance charges assessed to consumers to inflate its projections of potential rate increases to the consumer. As found by the report, the industry exaggerates the increase in the number of claims filed annually so as to magnify the total dollar amount of bodily injury losses."

In his letter to Senator Melconian and the Chairmen of the Joint Committee on Insurance, the Attorney General calls upon the Legislature to move forward on auto insurance reform, stating, "There is no reason that the industry's high estimates of S.1548's impact should be accepted as a basis for frustrating or forestalling legislative reforms to the present, unnecessarily expensive, and fraud-prone system."

The letter accompanying the report further points out that the model used by the Automobile Insurance Bureau (AIB) is inaccurate and "structurally" inappropriate. The letter further points out that even if this model is used, the statistics and resulting impact are wrong.

In the report, the Attorney General determined that elimination of the no-fault threshold, would in fact reduce the number of bodily injury claims and bodily injury losses. The Attorney General further confirmed that S.1548 would have two significant effects; first, it would decrease padding by claimants and attorneys because of the loss of the motivation to pad bills and exaggerate injuries to exceed the tort threshold and to obtain compensation for "pain and suffering"; and second, it would decrease motivation by claimants to file frivolous claims.

"The AG refutes the model because of duplication of claims payments between wage payments, medical payments, and bodily injury and uninsured medical payments. The AG's report, showing a 13.1% decrease in compulsory coverages, is completely in line with the Senate-passed bill, S.1548, which included a 10% mandatory premium reduction in bodily injury coverages," Melconian concluded.

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Hazardous Waste Collection June 11

The Town of Agawam announces that Saturday, June 11th, 1994 has been designated as Agawam's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day.

The collection will take place in the parking lot of Agawam High School, 760 Cooper Street, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Only town residents are allowed to participate in this collection, and proof of residency will be required.

WHAT TO BRING

Household hazardous waste no longer needed; five gallons or 50 pounds maximum per household; preferably items kept in original sealed containers.

For example:

- Oil-based marine or lead paints and strippers.
- Paint thinner, solvents, stains and varnishes.
- Solvent adhesives.
- Lighter fluid.
- Waste fuels (kerosene, gasoline).
- Antifreeze, engine degreaser.
- Carburetor cleaner, brake fluid.
- Transmission fluid, car wax.
- Poisons, insecticides.
- Weed killers, mothballs.
- Wood preservatives.
- "No Pest" strips, flea powder.
- Hobby supplies, artist supplies.
- Rubber cement, airplane glue.
- Fiberglass resins.
- Photo chemicals, chemistry sets.
- Cleaning supplies.
- Furniture, floor and metal polishes.
- Oven, toilet bowl and drain cleaners.
- Rug and upholstery cleaners.
- Spot removers.
- Dry cleaning solvents.
- Septic tank degreasers.
- Swimming pool chemicals.
- Dry cell batteries.

- Aerosol cans.

HOW CAN I BE SAFE IN TRANSPORTING MATERIALS?

Tighten caps and lids, leaving materials in original labeled containers.

- Pack containers in sturdy upright boxes and pad with newspaper.

- Sort and pack separately: paint and pesticides; household cleaners.

- Avoid spills and do not place in a garbage bag.

- NEVER MIX CHEMICALS.

• Pack your car and drive directly to the site. NEVER SMOKE while handling hazardous materials.

- Stay in your car. You will be given specific instructions at the site.

WHAT NOT TO BRING

- Latex paint.
- Ammunition, fireworks, explosives.
- Radioactive wastes.
- Infectious & biological wastes.
- Prescription medicines/syringes.
- Penta brand wood preservatives.
- Smoke detectors.
- Asbestos.
- Commercial or industrial waste.
- Tires.
- Pesticides containing 2-4-5-T, Silvex.

WILL SOME MATERIALS BE REFUSED?

We have listed materials that will not be accepted. We also reserve the right to refuse unidentified materials and large amounts of hazardous waste.

For used oil, bring to DPW Garage, 1347 Main Street, anytime Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., OR Saturday, June 11th, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

For more information, call the Agawam Health Department at 786-0400.

Town Council's Agenda For May 16th

1. Citizen's Speak Time
2. Roll Call
3. Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance
4. Minutes - Regular Council Meeting of 5/2/94
5. Declaration from Council President
6. Presentation of Petitions, Memorials & Remonstrances
None.
7. Report of Council Committees
8. Elections
None.
9. Public Hearings
None.

10. Old Business

(a) Orders

1. TO-94-11-Application for weekly Amusement License for Bobby's Lounge, Inc. 858 Suffield St., Agawam, MA (Tabled on 5/2/94).
2. TO-94-12-Application for Video License for Bobby's Lounge, Inc., 858 Suffield St., Agawam, MA (Tabled on 5/2/94).
3. TO-94-23-Transfer-\$55,000 from Reserve Fund (7000-5600-R551) to Damage to Persons & Property (7000-5400-R529)(Mayor).
4. TO-94-24-Transfer-\$14,500 from Reserve Fund (7000-5600-R551) to Mayor - Vehicle (1100-5852-R483)(Mayor).

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100,000	10,000	50,000	20,000	500,000	1,000	200
125,000	12,500	62,500	25,000	500,000	1,000	269
150,000	15,000	75,000	30,000	500,000	1,000	319
175,000	17,500	87,500	35,000	500,000	1,000	380
200,000	20,000	100,000	40,000	500,000	1,000	416
225,000	22,500	112,500	45,000	500,000	1,000	448
250,000	25,000	125,000	50,000	500,000	1,000	474
275,000	27,500	137,500	55,000	500,000	1,000	493
300,000	30,000	150,000	60,000	500,000	1,000	506
350,000	35,000	175,000	70,000	500,000	1,000	526
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300,000	829	866	881

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Agawam Obituaries



Dorothy J. Sutton

Dorothy J. (Kosierowski) Sutton, 57, of 59 Harvey Johnson Drive, Agawam, a former 15-year employee of Aetna Claims Division, Springfield, died in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield.

She worked for the company until last year. Born in Central Falls, Rhode Island, she graduated from Central Falls High School in 1954 and lived in this area for 30 years. She lived in Agawam for the past 28 years.

She was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church.

She leaves her husband, Paul V. Sutton, popular television personality on Channel 40; two sons, Brian P. of Clovis, California, and Peter M. of Cambridge; a daughter, Maria C. Sutton of Agawam; a brother, Fred of Pawtucket, Rhode Island; a sister, Mary Weed of Central Falls; and a grandchild.

The funeral was held at Colonial Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery.

Cecil J. Cummings

A May 15th memorial service will be held for Cecil J. Cummings, 104, of 497 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, who died April 27th.

He was a retired employee of WICO Electric Co. and was previously an area salesman for Cadillac and Pierce Arrow automobiles.

Born in Northfield, MA, he lived in Feeding Hills for the past 36 years.

He was a member and former Deacon of Agawam Congregational Church. He was also a member of the Meriweds of Agawam Congregational Church.

He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Phyllis (Meserve) Cummings; a daughter, Louise Cecilia McGarvey of Daytona Beach, Florida; and a brother, Clyde, of Greenfield, MA.

The 2:00 p.m. memorial service will be held at the Agawam Congregational Church on Main Street, with burial at the convenience of the family.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Congregational Church Memorial Scholarship Fund, 745 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

Katherine C. Lancour

Katherine C. Lancour, infant daughter of Robert F. and Anne M. (Lisi) Lancour of Alexandria, Virginia, died Wednesday, April 20th in Georgetown University Hospital, Washington, D.C.

She leaves her maternal grandparents, Pierino and Claire (Gorman) Lisi, of Binghamton, New York and her paternal grandmother, Katherine C. (Hickson) Lancour, of Feeding Hills.

A Mass of the Angels was held in Sacred Heart Church, Feeding Hills, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery. Curran-Jones Funeral Home was in charge.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Georgetown University Hospital, Neonatal/Intensive Care Unit, 3800 Reservoir Rd., NW, Washington, D.C. 20007.

Ag. Veterans' Office Begins To Make Plans For WWII Celebration

Western Hampden District Director Ruth A. Bitzas has received approval from the Department of Defense designating the district towns of Agawam, Southwick, Granville, and Tolland as a 50th Anniversary of WW II Commemorative Community District.

Within a few weeks, the district will receive an Entitlement Kit of a commemorative flag, a certificate from the Secretary of Defense designating the district as a Commemorative Community, informational and educational materials pertaining to WW II, including maps, poster, fact sheets, and an historical chronology.

A district committee of 15 will help coordinate events to be held through Veterans Day, November 11th, 1995. "We'll be required to hold at least three commemorative events and reports on each will need to be submitted to the Department of Defense," Mrs. Bitzas said. "We will most likely exceed three events."

Sgt. Hewes of the Army National Guard Reserve Unit on Maynard Street, designated officials from each town, the Agawam Veterans' Council, service organizations American Legion and V.F.W., and area veterans will formulate events.

Thus far, tentative plans include a WW II reenactment group and memorabilia display, WW II presentations in local schools by WW II veterans, and other events to be determined when the committee first meets and receives their WW II member pins.

As a grand finale of the end of WW II, the district hopes to sponsor a district-wide dinner dance at the Agawam National Guard Armory on Maynard Street.

Mrs. Bitzas said, "We want to thank not only the veteran, but families of those who served, and especially the families who lost loved ones." She recalls and reminds us of a quotation from the dedication plaque on the War Memorial on the Veterans Green in Agawam: "A nation reveals itself not only by the men it produces, but also by the men it

Commemorative events are being planned here in the United States and overseas as well. Anyone interested in helping or who have suggestions for events, please contact the district office and your name will be placed on a mailing list and you will be kept informed of meetings. Please call Veterans Agent Ruth Bitzas at the Dept. of Veterans Services, Agawam Town Hall, 786-0400, ext. 236 or 237.

When mailing classified ads to our office (P.O. Box 263, Feeding Hills, MA 01030), please write "Attention: Classifieds" on the outside envelope.

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By order of the Board of Appeals,
Published: May 12, 1994
Ronald Hebert
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Bitzas Fundraiser Kicks Off Campaign Of "Grass Roots"

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Town Council Vice-President George Bitzas kicked off what he termed a "grass roots" campaign in his bid to represent the Third Hampden District with a fundraising reception on Friday, May 6th, at the Oaks Banquet House.

Before he faces Republican Town Council President James D. Taylor in November, Bitzas must square off against fellow Democrat and political newcomer Daniel F. Keenan of Blandford in a September 20th Primary Election.

With a backdrop of his signature blue and white balloons and campaign posters, Bitzas told a crowd of friends and supporters, "I am a candidate to represent you, the people, not any special interest group. I am the candidate from the heart of our district, and I have our district in my heart."

Bitzas told *The AAN* he expected to run a clean campaign that focuses on his education, experience, and proven leadership during his 4½ years as a town councilor. Coming in third in a field of 22 candidates for the 11 seats on the council, Bitzas won a third council term last November.

Bitzas said he didn't expect to alter his campaign strategy, even though he has never faced one-on-one opposition in his previous successful bids for office.

As a relative unknown in the district outside of Agawam, Bitzas said he has already visited Southwick and Russell. Bitzas said he was gratified with the warm reception he received in Southwick and Russell, adding, "I have plans to visit Southwick and the hilltowns many times during the campaign."

Campaign manager Pat Nolan said the campaign would go door-to-door as well as use television, radio, and newspaper advertising. "I expect we'll be running the whole gamut in the campaign," Nolan commented.

A political independent, Nolan ran the successful mayoral campaign which returned Republican Christopher C. Johnson to office in a landslide victory in November.

Bitzas Identifies Issues

Identifying education, crime, and welfare reform as the three most important issues facing the state, Bitzas pledged to study the issues and work hard to make informed decisions.

With his 94 year-old mother, Alexandra, living with him, Bitzas said he was well aware of the problems of the elderly and the need for more services for senior citizens. "They have worked all of their lives and now it is time for us to take care of them, just as we would want our children to take care of us," he stated.

Bitzas said his campaign was likely to sponsor a fundraising breakfast and a family picnic during the summer. Bitzas said a family picnic would give children an opportunity to be involved in politics and learn first-hand how democracy works.

A native of Greece, Bitzas said serving the public was his way of "giving something back to the country that welcomed me." Bitzas said he was proud of his accomplishments during his five years as a town councilor, adding, "I've worked very hard and I will take the same goals and visions to the state level."

Currently represented by Michael P. Walsh, the Third Hampden District includes Agawam, Southwick, Blandford, Russell, Granville, and Tolland. After 12 years at the State House, Walsh announced in February he would not seek re-election.

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By order of the Board of Appeals,
Raymond Gendron
Acting Chairman

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Best local news...



STATE REP. CANDIDATE George Bitzas (D) and members of his campaign committee at his May 6th fundraiser. From left - Ron Lalancette, Diana Penna, Sue Hearn, Joanne McGeoghan, Bitzas, Pat Nolan, Jane Gallerani, Ray Moreau, Thomas Tierney, Sam Siano, and Andy Jorgensen. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Fire Wise

Be Careful With Outdoor Cooking

by Fire Chief David Pisano

Everybody loves an outdoor barbecue. However, outdoor cooking can also lead to tragedy when carelessness causes serious burns.

The Agawam Fire Department offers the following safety checklist to use when cooking outdoors:

- When lighting a grill, the safest fire starters are chemicals in cake form or a charcoal electric starter.
- Never add fire starter after you have started your barbecue. The heat from the coals could ignite the stream of liquid and burn back into the can, causing it to explode in your hands. To speed a slow fire, tuck dry kindling under the charcoal.
- Make sure the barbecue grill is level and

steady, and keep a container of water nearby.

- After cooking, soak the coals in water. Dispose of charcoal in a metal container with a tight-fitting lid. Many brush fires start because hot coals, thought to be cool, were dumped in leaves.

- All barbecue grills should never be brought inside the house, tent, or recreational vehicle, because of the danger of carbon monoxide poisoning in sealed or confined areas.

- Keep small children away from the barbecue.

- A bag of damp or wet charcoal should be immediately disposed of, as it can spontaneously combust.

For additional information, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

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by State Senator Linda J. Melconian



Responding To My Constituents' Concerns & Questions

I recently solicited the views of my constituents in my last newsletter. Your responses sent a clear message—create more jobs, increase crime prevention efforts, and reform the welfare system. The concerns of Western Massachusetts echo those of citizens in every part of the country.

The most recent unemployment statistics were released just the other day and the news seemed good on the surface. Unemployment in Massachusetts was at 6.1%, below the national average of 6.4%. In fact, Massachusetts had one of the lowest unemployment rates among the industrialized states.

Unfortunately, these figures are misleading. The service sector keeps on expanding, while the manufacturing base continues to shrink. The economic recovery marches on without creating enough stable, high-paying jobs that offer benefits.

The leadership in the Senate recognized that the 21st century is already here. To compete in this new information-driven society, government must create incentives to spur economic growth among the industries that will give Massachusetts a competitive advantage in the global economy.

Massachusetts is competing with other nations as well as other states. It is with this new world economic order in mind that the Senate Committee on Science and Technology was created. This committee, which I chair, will be at the forefront of developing a long-term strategy to foster emerging technologies.

Western Massachusetts is positioned to play a prominent role in this technology-based economy with its combination of world-class colleges and universities and high concentration of industries with unlimited growth potential. The Pioneer Valley is blessed with environmental technology firms, plastics manufacturers, and telecommunications companies; prototypical examples of emerging technology companies providing stable, high-paying jobs.

Springfield Technical Community College, the most comprehensive associate degree/career training institution in the state, and the University of Massachusetts are strategically located to provide aggressive, hands-on training for business and industry. We can achieve regional development of industrial technological clusters by creating a partnership among government, private industry, and academia.

Economic revitalization and job creation are also valuable resources in the war against crime. While the latest statistics reveal that the overall amount of crime in Agawam has decreased over the past five years, the figures once again fail to tell the whole story,

Violent crime among juveniles is on the rise, which translates into a new generation of adult criminals. Crime statistics cannot quantify the fear and despair engendered when crime touches your life. Sadly, it seems that almost everyone has either been a victim or crime or knows a friend or relative who has been the target of violent or property crime.

One solution is to increase the presence of police in the streets. The proposed budget for the 1995 fiscal year contains a \$5 million appropriation for community policing pilot programs. Springfield is among 11 cities selected as a pilot program site. This new appropriation would be in addition to maintenance of the level of funding Springfield received for community policing in the 1994 fiscal year budget.

Welfare reform is an integral component of a comprehensive package to address society's ills. Earlier this year I introduced amendments on the Senate floor that were incorporated into the welfare reform package that was passed by the

Senate. We must seize the moment and make sure the effort to enact meaningful reform does not get stalled again this year.

Society can no longer afford to support a welfare system that has become a way of life for generations of recipients, rather than a safety net for families truly in need of temporary assistance. The new view of welfare is reflected in the proposed change in the name of the agency administering the welfare program, from the Department of Public Welfare to the Department of Transitional Assistance.

We must remove incentives for a recipient to have additional children by freezing benefit levels at the time benefits are initially applied for. The humane approach, reflected in the bill passed by the Senate, is to extend child care and Medicaid benefits for recipients while converting the welfare check into a paycheck.

I would like to express my gratitude to every constituent who filled out the questionnaire and returned it to my office. Your responses ensure that my legislative agenda remains responsive to the diversity of views held by the residents of Agawam. Please feel free to contact me throughout the year with your ideas and concerns.

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By order of the Board of Appeals,
Ronald Hebert
Chairman

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Looking Back...

Compiled and edited by
David C. Gallano

May 1973

MAY 9th - ELEMENTARY SCHOOL URGED AT OLD TRAINING FACILITY

The School Committee has proposed using part of the former Hampden County Training School property here as an elementary school.

Superintendent of Schools Robert Gardner, member of a special committee appointed by the Hampden County Commission to study plans for the site, told the School Committee several proposals are under consideration.

The School Department has projected a large population growth in the southern section of town, where the former training school is located.

MAY 10th - \$2.60 BOOST SEEN IN TOWN TAX RATE

A \$2.60 tax increase is expected as a result of the \$13,549,684 budget approved Wednesday, by the Town Council. The rate will jump to \$40, Town Manager Westman estimated. The assessors will set the actual rate next week.

More than 10 irate parents and disappointed youngsters walked out of the special meeting to protest a \$17,590 cut from the Parks and Recreation budget.

Councilors Francis Colli and Paul Fieldstad supported the budget cut and noted the remaining recreation budget of \$152,175 was an \$87,000 increase over 1972.

The budget was approved 8-4 with Frederick Nardi abstaining and Kenneth Barnes, Joseph Faucette, Jane Gallerani, and Joseph Lovotti opposed to adoption.

Budget cuts made by the council during an all night session Tuesday totalled \$606,491. Cuts included a request for \$60,110 to add six firefighters, a \$17,000 request to expand the police station into the Town Hall basement, and a \$25,000 request for a planning consultant.

MAY 10th - COUNCIL OK'S APPOINTMENTS MADE BY TOWN MANAGER

The Town Council has confirmed three appointments to the Planning Board, two to the Board of Health, and two Board of Appeals alternates.

Council members unanimously confirmed Mrs. Donald B. George, Jr., and Lawrence O'Connell to the Planning Board. Arthur J. Fuchs was conferred with only Councilor Frederick Nardi dissenting.

The three new Planning Board members will replace former members Paul Fieldstad, Charles Calabrese, and John Burns.

MAY 11th - TOWN TOLD TV STATIONS DELAYED CABLE INSTALLATIONS

The president of Spectrum Communications has blamed opposition from local television stations for the company's failure to adhere to its deadline for installation of cable TV here.

Before it could begin service to local subscribers, Spectrum had to get approval from the Federal Communications Commission, and it was claimed that the approval took 11 months, being delayed by objections filed by two area TV stations.

Spectrum officials said Agawam's cable installation will be about 75 percent completed next fall, and the company will start soliciting subscribers. The firm has now installed over 28 miles of cable which would service between 2,500 and 2,600 homes, it was said.

MAY 19th - SURVEY SHOWS TOWN WANTS MORE PARK LAND

An overwhelming majority of townspeople feel that Agawam should acquire more land for parks and playgrounds to serve the area's growing population, according to a survey report just released.

Town Manager James Westman is expected to meet with the Agawam Citizens' Organization Sunday night to discuss the survey results.

MAY 21st - ZONE NIGHTMARE HAUNTS HOMEOWNER

Howard Hallock of 1008 Main St. returned from a Florida vacation last February and found a Cumberland Farms Inc. store going up outside his living room window.

Today, after more than three months of haggling, Hallock has his bylaw-required, 15-foot sideyard, but he is still unhappy. So are other inhabitants of the residential neighborhood, he said.

When Hallock returned from his vacation, he saw the store foundation, truck tracks across his lawn, and electrical wires hanging off his house. According to a compromise, Cumberland Farms Inc. agreed to remove the foundation, which was put six feet away from Hallock's home. Further compromises between the contestants solved the problems.

Cumberland Farms has verbally agreed to fix any damage, Hallock said, but, "I just don't like that store encroaching on a residential area."

Taylor Committee Prepares For Fundraiser



MEMBERS OF THE JAMES TAYLOR (R) for State Rep. Committee work diligently on the campaign as they prepare for the June 5th pasta dinner at the Polish Club. TOP PHOTO - Mary McCormick, Harold Walker, Taylor, Arthur "Ed" Hastings, Jr., Jean Clifford, and Mark McCormick. BOTTOM PHOTO - Meghan McCormick, Jessie Fuller, Jeff McCormick, and Taylor.



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Families

Turnverein Shines In 139th Year At Annual Banquet

by Peggy Shoemaker

Advertiser News Feature Writer

In a festive atmosphere of peach and jade streamers, flags, and spring flowers, the Springfield Turnverein members celebrated the 139th anniversary of the club on April 23rd, in the club's banquet hall on Garden Street, Feeding Hills.

The family-oriented club of approximately 230 members is dedicated to the premise of "a healthy mind in a healthy body," and to that end, competitive athletics.

A huge black and white banner with the wording "Happy 139th Anniversary" spanned the area behind the head table where Mayor Christopher C. Johnson and his wife sat with club officers and their partners. A large arrangement of silk flowers in spring motif made by Anne Sawyer decorated the head table and flags of German, Old Glory, and the Turners' hung on one wall.

After Acting President Ted Beck welcomed the celebrators, there were cocktails, and dinner was made and served by members. Introduced were nominated officers and thanks were extended to retiring ones. There were presentations of awards, entertainment by two choral groups, community singing, dancing to the music of the Novel-Airs Orchestra, and general merry-making.

The Past Presidents Association of the Turnverein presented the Annual Extraordinary Service Award to Allen LaGrange of West Springfield. LaGrange accepted the brass and bronze plaque from Ted Beck. He was cited for 18 years of membership, 10 of them on the board of trustees, three years as president, and as treasurer and temporary treasurer.

Beck said LaGrange has been an active member, filling many chairmanships and always helping out in a pinch.

Honored as longest members (67 years each) were Ted O'Donnell and Paul Guenther. A bouquet of flowers went to Hedwig Selle of Springfield as the oldest lady present and to Gustave Lehberger, the oldest gentleman, who received a boutonniere. They are both 90-plus. Free club memberships were given to widows of members.

Noted was the 60-year membership of Henry Baab and 50-year membership of Robert Dunne. Gold cards denoting Honorary Life Membership went to 40-year members Fred Hillinger and Lucien Smida.

Hilmar Hoppe and Peter Nothdurft are 30-year members, and 25-year certificates went to Rudy Altobelli, Robert Anschutz, Dennis Cote, George Gillan, George Plummer, Hans Russ, and Irvin Schmidt.

The celebration concluded with singing of "God Bless America," which Beck called a favorite of German Clubs in appreciation for the freedom that German immigrants found in America.

The Turnverein is a subsidiary of the American Turners National Organization, Beck explained in a recent interview. "The Turners was started by



LONGTIME MEMBERS of the Springfield Turnverein on Garden Street, in Feeding Hills, at the Annual Banquet. From left - Irvin Schmid, George Plummer, George Gillan, Hans Russ, and Dennis Cote. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

German immigrants around 1848 in Cincinnati, Ohio, to provide family-oriented social and athletic activities. They believed that athletic competition is conducive to an alert mind, mental, and physical development.

"There were no such places available to the immigrants, who were primarily farmers. Since no athletic equipment was available for sale, they improvised or designed and made their own," Beck noted.

Turner Clubs spread throughout the country, including the Springdale Club in Holyoke and clubs in Adams, Clinton (MA), and Syracuse (NY).

The word Turnverein means a place where gymnasts exercise and conduct competitive games. They also promote German culture, especially music and language. They were sought by the National Education Association to assist with starting physical education programs in the public schools, Beck said.

Anyone is welcome to join as long as 50 percent of the membership is of German extraction, Beck said. The state imposes this in accordance with the club's charter.

Formerly Located In Springfield

The Springfield Turnverein serves the Greater Springfield area and was located in Springfield from 1855 to 1971 before purchasing the 18-acre tract on Garden Street, former site of the Fish and Game Club (which moved across the street).

The premises includes a lake for fishing and swimming (encircled by a walking trail), and there are picnic areas, barbeque pits, horseshoes,

volleyball courts, and a baseball diamond. The building contains a gymnasium, bowling alleys, a meeting room, large banquet room called Erna Saievers Hall, a kitchen and lounge, a meeting room, and a small dining room called the Frank Astaldi Room.

The building is open weekdays at 4:00 p.m., and weekends at 2:00 p.m. Stewardess Marlene Rainville is on duty every day.

Paul Dithrich of Westfield was elected Turnverein president for a one-year term to fill the term vacated by John Shuler, at a meeting on April 25th. Christa Strehl was elected Entertainment Chairwoman for one year.

Elected for two-year terms were Kurt Walther, first vice-president; Wilma Gillian, editor and publicity; and those re-elected for two-year terms included Linda Pajack, financial secretary; Walter Pistel, treasurer; and Ken Connor, property chairman.

Since the club elects half of its officers each year for two-year terms, those continuing in office are Amy Weber, second vice-president; Shirley LaBaff, recording secretary; Martin Schriener, auditor; and Allen LaGrange, business chairman.

The Agawam Club will host a Turn Fest, or athletic field day, June 11th and 12th, with members of other Turner Clubs participating. There will be athletic competitions and awards. Details are to be announced.

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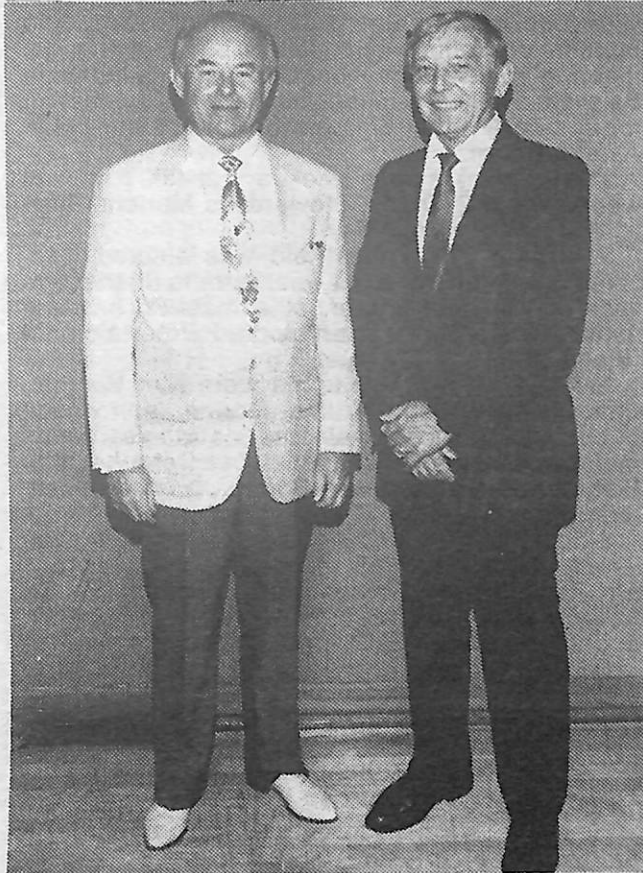


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AWARD RECIPIENTS at the Annual Banquet at the Springfield Turnverein included (top photo) Allen F. LaGrange, pictured with Ted Beck, acting-president; IN PHOTO BELOW, 40-year members Alfred W. Hellinger and Lucian A. Smaida were recognized for their many good years of dedicated service to the club. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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Plans are afoot for a fishing derby, the July 4th picnic, and there is Bingo every Saturday night. Bingo is one of the club's primary fundraisers. They also have a craft fair, sometimes an Oktoberfest, and frequent dinner dances.

An increase in membership is being sought. Attendance at the club this winter dropped due to road construction on Garden Street and Route 57 (near the club), making access difficult, Beck said.

The state also acquired five to six acres of Turnverein property for Route 57. The construction has halted and Beck said a larger, more visible sign will be erected indicating the access road into the Turnverein property.

When a person joins the club, his/her membership automatically includes his/her family, Beck said. And he would like to see an increase in young families using the facilities. He invites interested persons to visit and look around.

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Bereaved Support By Forastiere Family

Monthly support groups designed specifically for those whose spouse has died are provided by the Forastiere Family Funeral Homes.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 24th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 181 Elm St., in East Longmeadow. It is ongoing, 12 months a year. There is no pre-registration, nor commitment to attend. Those wishing to participate need merely to attend. The group is facilitated by Grief Counselor Lila Forastiere.

This support group is just one of the many programs included in the "Forastiere's OPTIONS ... for a brighter tomorrow." As part of the Forastiere Family Funeral Homes' continuous commitment to helping those who are grieving, the "OPTIONS" programs are offered to anyone in the community, at no charge.

For further information, call 733-5311.

Monte Carlo Night By Agawam UNICO

Agawam UNICO is having its second annual "Monte Carlo Night" on Friday, May 20th at the Springfield Turnverein Club, 176 Garden Street, Feeding Hills.

Ticket donation is \$5 and may be purchased from any UNICO member, at the door, or by calling 786-1782 or 786-3585.

This promises to be a fun-filled evening for all. The proceeds from this event will go directly to the local chapter, its charities, and scholarship funds.

The gambling will run from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. and many valuable prizes will be given away, including a trip for two to Atlantic City.

Complimentary finger roll sandwiches, popcorn, and coffee will be served. Door prizes will also be given out throughout the evening.

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Famous Fisherman Al Gagliarducci Pays Visit To Senior Ctr.

The Agawam Senior Center was recently visited by one of our area's most renowned sportsmen. Al "Gag" Gagliarducci, one of America's foremost fishing lure designers and fisherman, presented a fishing program to some of Agawam's senior sportspeople.

The program, which was well received by many of Agawam's seniors, consisted of a video as well as an oral presentation, which gave those attending many pointers on catching that one big fish that every fisher dreams of.

Following the program, Al stayed beyond his scheduled time to answer the many questions asked by those in attendance.

Al, who lives in Agawam, gives lectures and seminars throughout New England and the Northeast. He also stated that he was happy to finally be giving a seminar in his own hometown, especially at the Senior Center, for the seniors.

He also thanked Activities Director Sandra Smith and former Councilor Louis Russo for organizing the program and inviting him to come.

According to Smith, Al Gag is the first in what they hope will be a continuous program for Agawam's elderly and handicapped outdoors-minded residents. There are some other programs being organized. Those programs will be announced as they become finalized.



WELL-KNOWN AREA FISHERMAN Al Gagliarducci (right) was the guest speaker recently at Agawam Senoir Center.

Please remember that our deadline is every Tuesday at noontime.

Holyoke High's Class Of 1944 Seeks Members For 50th Reunion

The Holyoke High School Class of 1944 50th Reunion Committee is attempting to locate the following class members:

Joseph A. Frankowski, George E. Dean, Ruth (Daley) Menacho, Roger E. Leduc, Alice (Werenska) Patton, Richard B. Stedman, and Margaret (Dorman) Linaris.

Anyone with information is asked to please contact Frank Tobin, P.O. Box 830, Holyoke, MA 01041 (telephone number 536-0652).

Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, May 16th: Salisbury steak, potato puffs, peppers & onions, oatmeal bread, banana.

Tuesday, May 17th: Turkey loaf with gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, Canadian oat bread, chocolate pudding with whipped topping.

Wednesday, May 18th: Grape juice, shepherd's pie, carrot coins, whole wheat bread, jello with fruit.

Thursday, May 19th: Baked chicken leg, wild rice, cabbage & carrots, pumpernickel bread, prunes.

Friday, May 20th: Corn chowder, egg salad sandwich, broccoli salad, canned peaches.

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MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS of the Agawam Women's Club, from left - Bernice Nowill, Phyllis Catchepaugh, and Jean Goss. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Special Olympics To Be Discussed By Junior Women

On May 17th, an athlete and his coach, both from Special Olympics, will show a video and give a talk about Special Olympics. This should be a very informative evening for anyone unfamiliar with this very special program.

Citizens of our community are welcome to attend this meeting at the Captain Charles Leonard House at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served after the program.

For more information about the meeting, call Nancy Campi at 786-9971. The club always welcomes new friends interested in serving the community.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts.



NEW OFFICERS of the Agawam Women's Club, from left - Ruth Pieper, treasurer; Elaine Smith, president; Joanne Willis, 1st vice-president; Kathy Newman, 2nd vice-president; and Dorie Mall, recording secretary. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Women's Club Hold Banquet, Install New Officers

The Agawam Women's Club held a banquet and installation of officers on April 25th at the Federal Hill Club, Cooper Street, Agawam.

Newly elected officers are: Elaine Smith, president; Joanne Willis, first vice-president; Kathy Newman, second vice-president; Dorie Mall, recording secretary; Ruth Pieper, treasurer. Board of Directors include Bernice Nowill, Phyllis Catchepaugh, and Jean Goss.

Mrs. Jeanne Webster presided over the installation of newly elected officers.

The Agawam Women's Club was organized in 1926 with its objective being mutual helpfulness, the advancement of public welfare, and promotion of civic and cultural interests.

Meetings are held on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m., September through April, at the Captain Charles Leonard House, 663 Main Street, Agawam, unless otherwise specified.

September 1994 will begin the club's 68th year. Consider joining in September at the club's Welcoming Tea.

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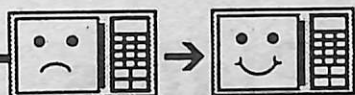
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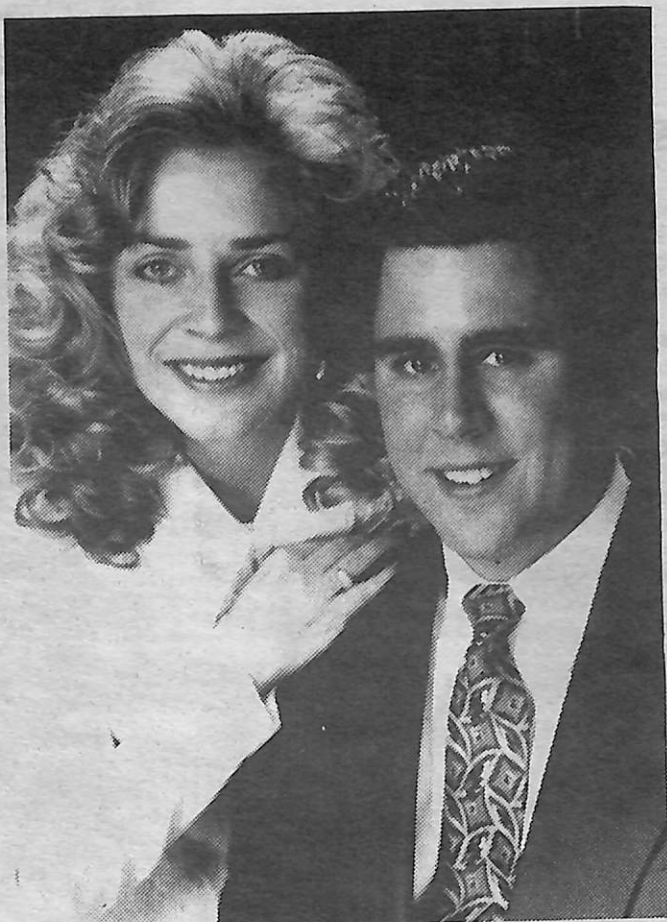
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Christine Cabana To Wed Chris Bourgeois

Robert and Patricia Cabana proudly announce the engagement of their daughter, Christine Cabana, to Christopher Bourgeois, son of Robert and Carol Bourgeois of Feeding Hills.

Christine was a graduate of Agawam High School and is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree at Western New England College. Christine is employed by the Milton Bradley Company.

Christopher graduated from Cathedral High School and attended Green Mountain College. He is the Games Manager at Riverside Park.

Christopher and Christine have planned their wedding for January 1995.



PAMELA DAWSON & DAVID SGUEGLIA

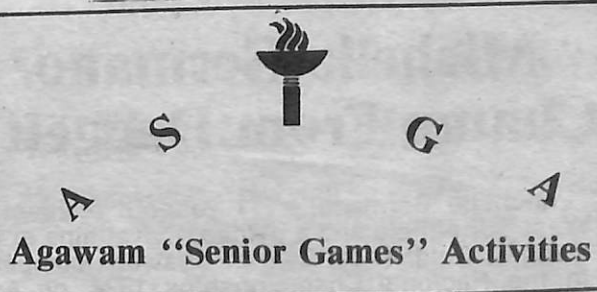
Pamela Dawson To Wed David Sgueglia

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bouley and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Dawson are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Pamela Maureen, to David Edward Sgueglia, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen A. Sgueglia of Feeding Hills.

The bride-to-be is a 1988 graduate of Agawam High School and attended Springfield Technical Community College. Pam is currently employed at Buxton.

The prospective bridegroom is a 1986 graduate of Agawam High School and graduated from Springfield Technical Community College in 1989 with a degree in computer technologies. David is currently employed by Mass Mutual Life Insurance Company.

The couple plans an August 1994 wedding.



Car Wash & Tag Sale Saturday, May 21st

The Agawam Senior Games Athletes (ASGA) wish to thank the citizens of Agawam and Feeding Hills who came to their car wash/tag sale on April 30th and helped to make it a grand success.

Town residents who did not attend ASGA's April meeting don't know what they missed! The guest speaker, Mr. Robert Brunelle, briefed those in attendance on the "Games & Lanes" he is establishing on Walnut Street Extension.

There will be a 16-lane bowling center; an indoor soccer field and "Lazer Maze" game room; plus a pizza party room, four pool tables, batting cages, etc., etc. It is anticipated that the game room will start up in June, and the bowling alleys by August 1st.

The Agawam Senior Games Athletes extend their heartfelt "thank you" to the following businesses that have thus far in 1994 given them their wonderful support: Agawam Rollaway, Dr. Michael Haynes, John's Trucking, Langone Plumbing & Heating, and Towne Insurance ... thank you!

A reminder—ASGA will hold a tag sale on Saturday, May 21st, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center.

ASGA is very proud of its bowling team, "Chet's Dolls," who took second place at the 5:00 P.M. Express League at the Riverdale Lanes, West Springfield. The team members are: Desiree Jacobs (Captain), Chet Comins, and Sandra Smith, with Hal Deyo (substitute).

Friends Of Agawam Senior Center To Hold Pancake Breakfast

The Friends of the Agawam Senior Center will hold a pancake breakfast on Sunday, May 15th, at the Agawam Senior Center. Breakfast will be served from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

The cost of tickets is \$3 for adults and \$1 for children under 10 years of age.

Tickets are available at the Agawam Senior Center and will be available at the door the morning of the breakfast. Tickets and information may be obtained from "Friends" board members Lil Doyle, Desiree Jacobs, Mary Leahy, Jim Griffin, Barbara Gingras, Tom Leahy, Nellie Matthias, Vi Presz, or Joanne Willis.

Proceeds from the breakfast will be used to help purchase a large screen video projector for movies and educational programs at the Agawam Senior Center.

Agawam Garden Club To Sponsor Annual Plant Sale May 21st

The annual plant sale sponsored by the Agawam Garden Club will take place on Saturday, May 21st, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on the grounds of the Captain Charles Leonard House, Main Street, Agawam.

Perennials, annuals, geraniums, herbs, house plants, and cemetery pots will be for sale. Members, remember to label your plants!

The plant sale will be held rain or shine, and proceeds will benefit the club's scholarship fund.

For further information, contact Denise Carmody, president, at 786-7783.

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Any West Springfield, Agawam, or Feeding Hills residents wishing to participate are asked to place non-perishable food items (cans, boxes, but no glass, please) in or by their mail box on Saturday, May 14th, for pick-up and distribution by letter carriers.

Items may also be dropped off at local post office lobbies. NALC Food Drive coordinators are Dave Kenney (West Springfield) and Vinny Siniscalchi (Agawam). For more information, call the food drive coordinators at 592-5291.

Michelle Germano Champ From Daggett's

Michelle Germano, a 11 year-old resident of West Springfield and a gymnast level nine at the Daggett Gold Medal Gym of Agawam, competed in the Regional Championships 1994, on April 24th.

The meet was held at Algonquin High School in Algonquin, Massachusetts. Michelle and her teammates competed against girls from six other New England states. She is coached by Joe Salmieri, head girls' coach and co-owner of the Daggett Gym, Pat Rooney, Patty Donaldson, and Angela Sullivan.

Michelle's team (The Massachusetts State Team) is a composite of the best level nine gymnasts in the state. Michelle is placed second within her own team.

At the meet, Michelle individually placed second with a score of 35.6 AA and her team placed second as well. On bars (8.80) and floor (9.175), she placed first. On vault (8.95) and beam (8.675), she placed second.

Congratulations, Michelle!

Local Celebrities To Be Dunked At Junior Women's Club's Annual Town Fair

The third Annual AGAWAM TOWN FAIR is finally here and it's this Saturday, May 14th at Perry Lane Park. Admission is free and the fair is open 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

There will be over 12 game booths run by various town groups with lots of prizes for all ages. Game tickets are only 25 cents! Some of the games include a Ninja Turtle and a clown.


Some of the events include facepainting, fingerprinting, and picture taking. Don't forget, Peppermint Patty will be there also. Every child receives a free balloon.

There is plenty of food available at the food booth, including hamburgers, hotdogs, snacks, soda and juice, not to mention cotton candy and popcorn. Music will be played throughout the day by Tom Melbourne of Music Box Productions.


Also, don't miss our "local celebrity" dunking booths. Those to be dunked this year include Jim Taylor, Town Council President, 10:00 a.m.; Kirk Parker, Elementary Physical Education Instructor, 10:30 a.m.; Donald Gallierani, D.A.R.E. Officer, 11:15 a.m.; Bill Dillson, Health Instructor, 12:00 noon; Richard Theroux, Town Clerk, 12:45 p.m.; Lou Conte, Middle School Physical Education Instructor, 1:30 p.m.

The fair is sponsored by the Agawam Junior Women's Club. Proceeds from game booths go directly to the sponsoring organization. Proceeds from booths run by the Junior Women's Club will benefit the club's community projects. For more information about the fair, please contact Nancy at 786-9972. The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs in Massachusetts.

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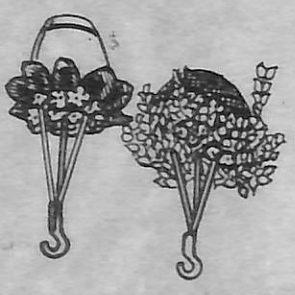
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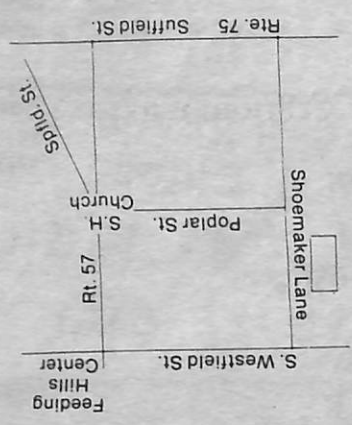


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MICHELLE GERMANO from Daggett's Gold Medal Gymnastics and her coach, Joe Salmieri. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.





TWINS DYLAN AND AUSTIN HARPIN

Harpin Family Announces Birth Of Identical Twin Sons

Fred and Marilyn Harpin of Westfield would like to announce the birth of their identical twin sons. Dylan Frederick weighed in at five pounds, three ounces, and was 17 inches long. Austin Joseph weighed in at five pounds, 14 ounces, and was 19 inches long. They made their "appearance" at 4:08 p.m. on March 20th.

They are the first-born for Fred and Marilyn. They are also the first-born grandchildren for Fred and Christine Harpin of Agawam. Maternal grandparents are Marlene Vincent of West Springfield and Robert Vincent of Mission Hills, California.

Paternal great-grandmother is Janet Harpin of Agawam. Maternal great-grandmother is Ruth Chase of Farmington, Maine.

Fathers Program At Agawam Library To Begin In June

The Agawam Public Library is pleased to announce a four-week series of workshops entitled "Men Among Men: Across the Generations of Fathers," to be held in the Community Room of the library on consecutive Wednesday evenings from June 1st to June 22nd, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Join for one and/or all four evenings.

This experiential series will focus on meeting men's needs for fathering. This need can be there whether your connection is with your father or with those you father.

The invitation is for men to gather and discuss what is important for them in father-child relationships. The workshop will include video clips, vignettes, and other outlets offered by the participants. The focus for each week's meeting will be determined by the group.

The facilitator for this program is Daniel Pender, M.A., M.F.T. Mr. Pender is an associate member of the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy with an MA from St. Joseph's College.

He has also led experiential workshops on parenting, gender issues, inner child, trust-building, and communication skills. Mr. Pender is a private practitioner of marriage and family therapy with offices in Hartford and Agawam.

If you are interested in attending this free series of workshops, or would like additional information, please call the library at 789-1550.

F. Hills Women's Club Holds Annual Banquet

The annual banquet of the Feeding Hills Women's Club was held on May 4th at the Monte Carlo Restaurant.

Charles and Virginia Heyl were guests of the club and showed their most interesting slides of Australia and New Zealand. College scholarships were awarded to Nicole Sawyer and Christopher Benjamin.

Re-elected as officers for the coming year were President Barbara Swanson, Vice President Thelma Horenstein, Secretary Rita Matys, Treasurer Barbara Kupec, and Directors Mary Racheck, Thelma Gardner, and Peg LaFountaine.

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Volunteers Sought For Various Positions At Heritage Hall Nursing Home

Heritage Hall Nursing and Rehabilitation Center is currently recruiting volunteers for the following positions:

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BINGO: Assist with Bingo every Wednesday, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

ESCORT: A volunteer is needed to accompany residents to doctor's appointments or other errands. Transportation will be provided.

VISITOR: Visit patients recuperating in the short-term rehab unit; provide manicures, deliver mail, and complete other duties.

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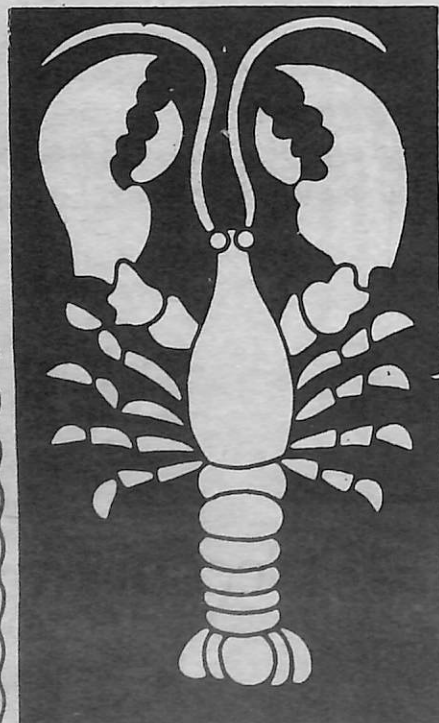
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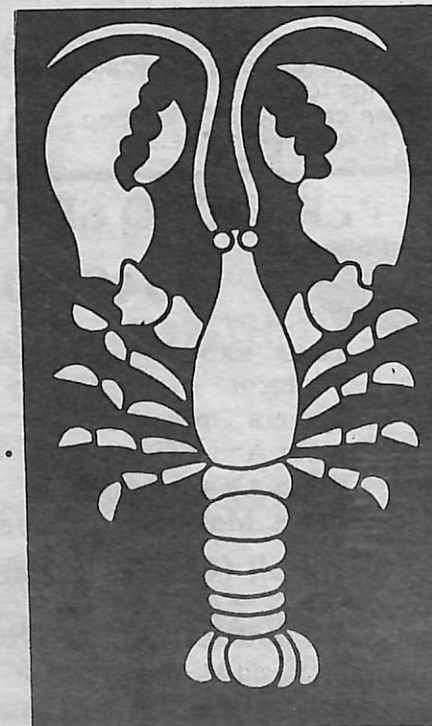
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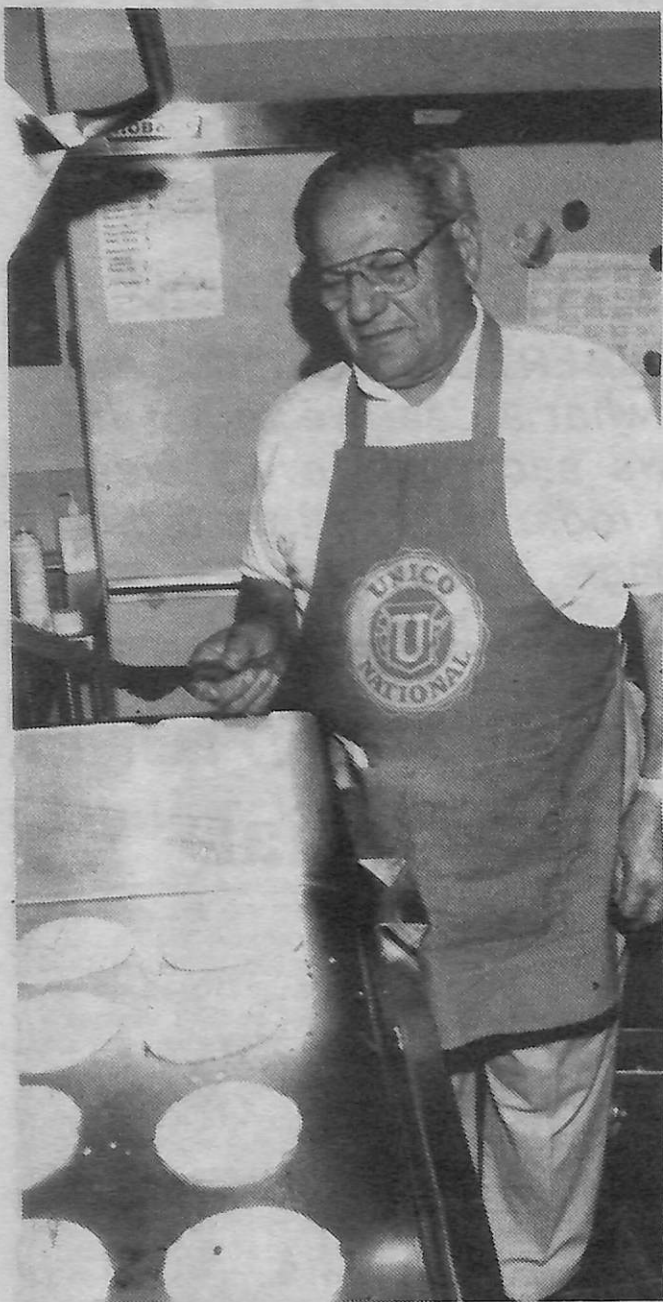
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UNICO Holds Pancake Breakfast At Senior Ctr.



AGAWAM UNICO MEMBER John Chriscola flips pancakes at the Agawam Senior Center on May 1st. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Retirement Party To Be Held In Honor Of Ben McCullough

The Agawam Permanent Firefighters Association will hold a retirement party in honor of Ben McCullough on Saturday, May 21st. The party will run from 6:30 p.m. to 12:00 midnight at Ferruccio's Banquet House, 1520 Main Street, Agawam.

The meal will be chicken or roast beef, and donations are \$20 a person. Entertainment for the evening will be provided by a disc jockey.

Of Mice & Toddlers At Agawam Library May 16th

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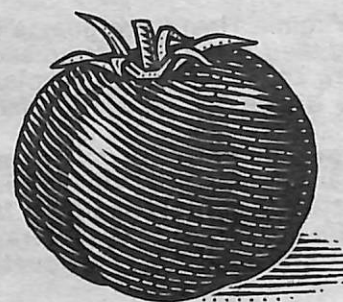
THE HOLLISTER FAMILY was part of the large crowd who attended the May 1st Pancake Breakfast sponsored by Agawam UNICO. From left - Earle, Jennifer Leah, and Gail. **IN PHOTO BELOW**, the Calabrese family was out in force. From left - Haylee, Tatum, Aislinn, Kathi, and Chuck. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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ENJOYING PANCAKES AND SAUSAGE at the Agawam Senior Center on May 1st are Ida Muzzio, John Muzzio, and Kami Naraghi. The breakfast was sponsored by Agawam UNICO. RELATED PHOTO on previous page. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Fleet Bank Helps March Of Dimes

The 1994 Springfield WalkAmerica was a great success, raising an unprecedented \$33,000 for the March of Dimes Campaign for Healthier Babies.

Sunday, April 24th, was a beautiful day that brought out 400 participants to walk seven miles along a route with rest stops sponsored by Telephone Pioneers, NESCOR, Ryder Truck, and K-Mart.

The start/finish at the Elks Lodge No. 61 was sponsored by SIS and WGGB-TV News40. Mike Ratte, Channel 40 sportscaster, was the Honorary Chair.

The top teams were the Postal Pacers, followed by Fleet Bank and SIS. The top walkers were Laura Walter and Patricia Alli, who between them, raised almost half of the \$4,000 raised by the Postal Pacers.

Joanne Cook, Chair of the event, remarked that

a true community spirit prevailed with the help of such groups as the Telephone Pioneers, National Guard, D.A.V., and the Hampden County Explorer Post 111.

Locally, the March of Dimes has granted \$12,000 to Our Babies/Our Future of the New North Citizens' Council to hire a part-time nurse to ensure good prenatal care for their clients.

Another grantee was John R. Nambu, PhD at UMASS Department of Biology, for his work in

Molecular Genetics of CNS Midline Development regarding various birth defects involving mental retardation and movement disorders.



AUSTIN J. HARRINGTON

Kristel Harrington Announces Birth Of Baby Son, Austin

Kristel Harrington of Agawam announces the birth of her son, Austin Jordan, who was born on March 17th, 1994. He weighed seven pounds, 15 ounces, and measured 21 inches.

Grandparents are Wayne and Debbie Harrington of Agawam. Great-grandparents are Art and Edie Carr and Laura Harrington, and the late Leslie Harrington, all of Agawam.



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Agawam Lioness Again Donate To DARE



AGAWAM DARE OFFICER DONALD GALLERANI (right) receives a donation to the program from Agawam Lioness Club President Rosemarie Kieffer at Storowton Tavern on May 2nd. IN PHOTO LEFT, members of the club's board of directors are pictured - Bernadette Johnston, Marsha Finck, and Elaine Taupier. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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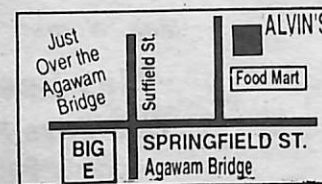
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New Agawam Lioness Officers Named



STACY ARCHAMBAULT & JEFF CHAUSSE

Stacy Archambault To Wed Jeff Chausse

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Archambault of Claren Drive, Holyoke, announce the engagement of their daughter, Stacy Sue Archambault, to Jeffrey S. Chausse. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Chausse of Fordham Avenue, Feeding Hills.

The bride-to-be graduated from Holyoke Community College, and Springfield Technical Community College, where she received her second associate's degree as a legal secretary. She is employed by Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company in Springfield as a Senior Administrative Assistant.

The groom-to-be graduated from Springfield Technical Community College with two associate's degrees in electronics technology and laser electro-optics. He is a senior at the University of Hartford in Connecticut and will graduate with his baccalaureate in electronic engineering in December 1994.

The wedding is set for May 6th, 1995 at Holy Cross Church, Holyoke.



NEW OFFICERS of the Agawam Lioness Club installed at the Annual Banquet on May 2nd at Storowton Tavern, included, from left - Joan Kane, 1st vice-president; Rosemarie Kieffer, president; Pat Lalancette, treasurer; and Peggy Lepper, hair puller. Missing: Joanne Rocca, secretary. RELATED PHOTOS ON PREVIOUS PAGE. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Annual Bandtime Concert At Agawam High Slated For Tuesday, May 17th

The Agawam Public Schools' Music Department will present the Annual Bandtime Concert on Tuesday, May 17th, in the Agawam High School gymnasium, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

This concert is a showcase for all of the instrumental ensembles in the Agawam schools, including the fifth and sixth grade bands from the

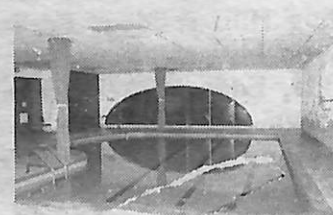
Middle School, under the direction of Kenneth Longstreeth; the Junior High School band, under the direction of Tamara Watson; and the Agawam High School band, under the direction of Scott Thomson.

The concert will close with a combined performance. A small donation will be accepted at the door.

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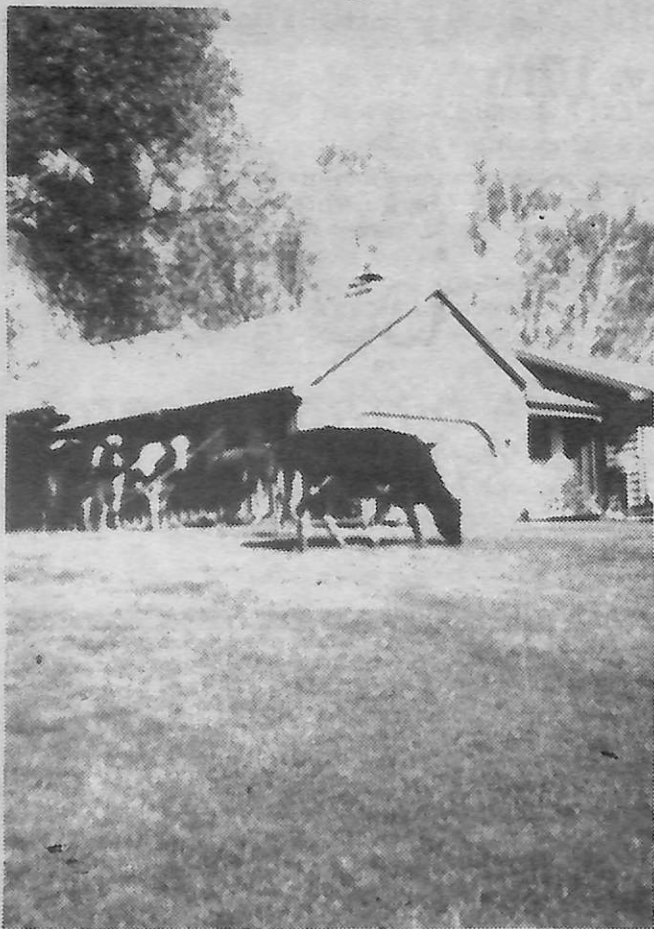
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MAYOR CHRISTOPHER C. JOHNSON offers Riverside Park staff members Wendy Quinn, Patti Carroll, Bob Munson, and Judy Lemay best wishes for their upcoming Broadway revue which features talent from Agawam. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

“Moo”-ving To F.H.?



ON TUESDAY MORNING, MAY 3RD, Feeding Hills resident Eddie Barako saw six cows on his neighbor's lawn. With a hearty chuckle, Eddie said, “I couldn't believe my eyes. I guess the cows were having a lawn party!” Many years ago, Eddie was told, cows came from Springfield to graze and feed in Feeding Hills. Like the old saying goes, the grass is always greener on the other side (on the other side of the river, in this case).

Dominican Nuns To Hold Monthly Hour Of Prayer On May 15th

The monthly Hour of Prayer and Song for the families of the world will be held at the Dominican Nuns' Monastery Chapel on Sunday, May 15th, at 4:00 p.m. The public is cordially invited to attend. The service will include the singing of Evening Prayer and the recitation of the rosary, sermon, and Benediction.

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RIVERSIDE PARK and members of the community will be presenting a Broadway revue the weekend of June 17th, 18th, and 19th at the Agawam Junior High. The group is pictured at a recent rehearsal. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Riverside Preparing Town's Broadway Revue

Riverside Park and the residents of Agawam are busy rehearsing for the up-coming production of “To Broadway with Love.”

It will be performed by “Riverside's Friends in Harmony,” a community chorus assembled and trained to pay tribute to some of Broadway's greatest hits. Approximately 38 people have signed up and are involved in the production.

Local celebrities such as Mayor Christopher C. Johnson are willing to participate in an effort that will bring the community together in spirit and song.

Local Town Councilors George Bitzas, Nancy Thompson-Gravel, and Vivian Dziardziel are slated to appear, and with the popularity of this

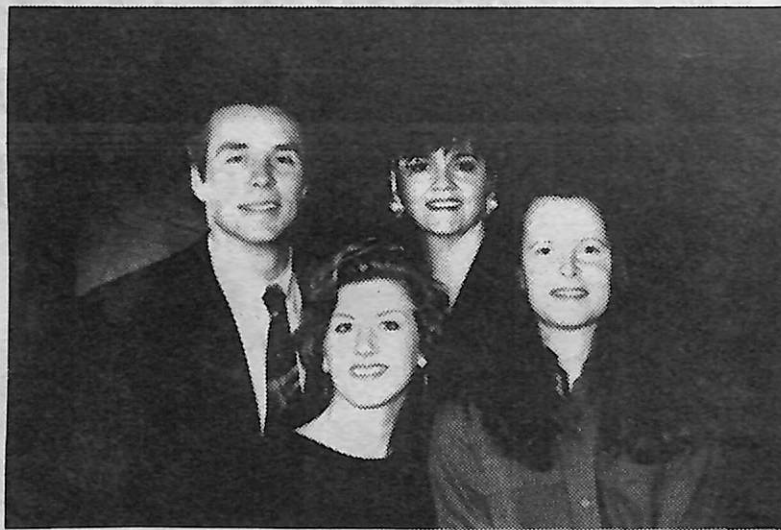
show, you'll never know who will be singing in it! Riverside Park's IPS Director Bob Munson, along with Special Events Coordinators Patti Carroll and Judy Lemay, wholeheartedly agree that the community response has been wonderful and it will be an excellent show.

Performances are June 17th and 18th at 8:00 p.m. at the Agawam Junior High School and June 19th at 1:00 p.m. at Riverside Park.

Munson added, “We have a great staff. Our choral director, Wendy Quinn, costume designer, Donna Dolloff, and everyone involved is excited about how well everything is going. It will be a great experience for all. We are very happy about it.”

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Church News...

Tag Sale Held At Agawam Baptist Church



STUFFED ANIMALS and QUILTS were popular items at the April 30th tag sale at the Agawam First Baptist Church. Pictured above are Mark & Vera McLaughlin. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



SUPERVISING THE BAKED GOODS table at the Agawam First Baptist Church's tag sale are Cara DelloRusso, Eric McLaughlin, and Marisa McLaughlin. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Ag. Congregational's
Calendar Of Events

The Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam, wishes to remind you that this is your last chance to buy tickets for this Sunday's (May 15th) trip to Fenway Park to see the Boston Red Sox in action.

The cost is \$18.25 per ticket, and the bus leaves for Boston at 5:30 p.m. Call Sue Tapply, 786-1430, or the church office, 786-7111.

A reminder—hear ye, hear ye! The Agawam Congregational Church will be holding a spaghetti/meatball supper on Thursday, May 19th, with continuous servings from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$5.50 for adults, \$3 for children, and a \$4.50 "special" for seniors. Call the church at 786-7111 as soon as possible to make your reservations.

An "On To Oakland" meeting for parents and students who are going to Oakland, California, next summer, will be held on Thursday, May 19th, at 7:30 p.m.

The church's Annual Friendship Church Picnic will be held on Sunday, May 22nd. Softball games are scheduled to begin at 2:00 p.m. at Phelps field; following the games, a picnic will be held back at the church at 4:00 p.m.

All are welcome to come and enjoy a great day of games, goodies, and fellowship.

The Agawam Congregational Church's Fourth Annual Golf Tournament has been scheduled for Saturday, June 11th, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. It will take place at the St. Anne Country Club.

On June 3rd at 8:00 p.m., a "cabaret" will be presented by local musicians. All types of music will be performed (from oldies to show tunes, from present-day songs to classical favorites).

Tickets are \$4 each (seating is limited) and they may be purchased at the church office by calling 786-7111. Plan on attending this "Night of Music" with your friends and neighbors.

The church's Vacation Bible Camp will be held July 11th through 15th. Children ages two through grade five are welcome. Older children may volunteer to help the teachers.

Registration will begin on Sunday, May 15th. Call the church office at 786-7111.

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News, Upcoming Activities Listed By
Feeding Hills Congregational Church

This week, Reverend Donaldson will give a sermon entitled "The Most Active Verb." Please join us for worship at 10:00 a.m.

Please join us at the Rollaway rollerskating rink (1756 Main Street in Agawam) for an afternoon of fellowship on wheels this Sunday, May 15th, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Cost is \$3 per person, which includes rental of skates.

Operation Friendship, an international youth exchange group, has come to the end of another successful year. There will be an informational night at the church on May 15th at 7:30 p.m. for anyone interested in joining us in September.

If you are unable to join us on the 15th but are still interested, please contact Kathy Rose at 786-0195.

The Annual Meeting of the Mass. Conference UCC will be held June 17th through 19th at Mount Holyoke College. All delegates and guests need to register by June 3rd.

Child care for children under six years of age is available by prior registration only. Please call the church office or speak to Reverend Donaldson if you are interested in being a delegate and attending this meeting.

Also on the calendar this week:
* Tuesday, May 17th - Informer deadline
* Wednesday, May 18th - 6:30 p.m., Music Committee
* Thursday, May 19th - 7:00 p.m., Thursday Discussion Group
* Friday, May 20th - 7:00 p.m., Big "E" Meeting

Thought For The Week

"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least

Ag. Congregational
Slates Spaghetti Supper
For Thurs., May 19th

Hear ye, hear ye! Mark your calendars today! Save Thursday, May 19th, for a spaghetti/meatball supper to be held at the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam. There will be continuous servings from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$5.50 for adults, \$3 for children under 12 years of age, and a \$4.50 "special" for senior citizens.

The menu will include spaghetti, meatballs, salad, bread, butter, dessert, and beverage (coffee, tea, or milk).

For reservations, call the church office at 786-7111 between 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., or 786-7231 during the afternoon hours.

of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." - Matthew 25:40.

A Midrash is a story told by the rabbis to examine and interpret the Bible and thus to understand more fully God's will. One such story goes like this...

Rabbi Joshua ben Levi took a trip to Rome. He was astounded to behold the magnificence of the buildings, the statues covered with tapestry to protect them from the heat of the summer and the cold of winter. As he was admiring the beauty of Roman art, a beggar plucked at his sleeve and asked him for a crust of bread.

The rabbi looked again at the statues, and turning to the man covered with rags, he cried out, "O Lord, here are statues of stone covered with expensive garments. Here is a man, created in Thine own image, covered with rags. A civilization that pays more attention to statues than to men shall surely perish."

In our culture today, we tend to honor those who pull themselves up by their bootstraps. This attitude is fundamentally different from that of the Bible, for it allows us to look askance at the individual who suffers rather than at the society which allows the suffering. The Midrash, as with Jesus' words, gives us a better view of God's will.

Poverty is not a choice but a sentence passed like a curse from generation to generation. It is a shame upon us that in a culture which compensates models and athletes and other entertainers with wealth and fame, fully 5.5 million children go hungry each day.

Jesus continued his story in Matthew's Gospel, saying, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me. And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Chicken Supper At
Valley Community

Valley Community Church Congregational is once again holding its popular chicken supper on Saturday, May 14th.

There will be continuous servings from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., featuring chicken, stuffing, potatoes, two hot vegetables, salads, cranberry sauce, rolls with butter, and, of course, that town famous, tremendous dessert table.

Beverages are also included. The cost is \$6.50 for adults and \$3.25 for children.

As you sit and enjoy your supper, you will be entertained with dinner music performed by Don Stafford.

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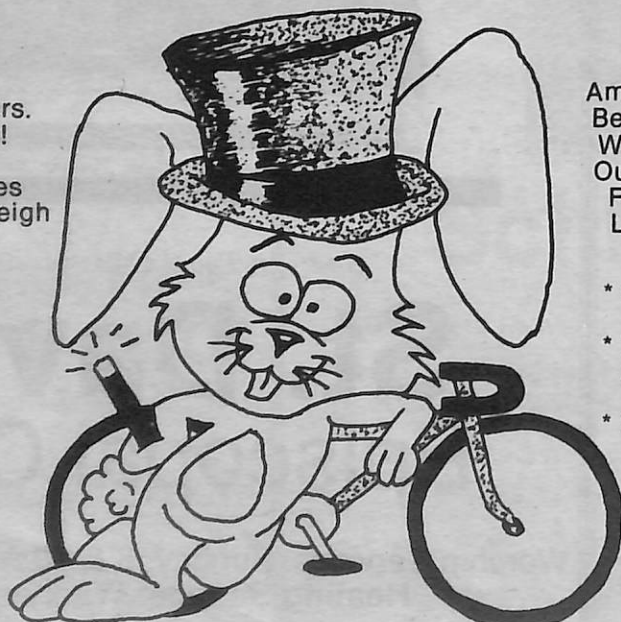
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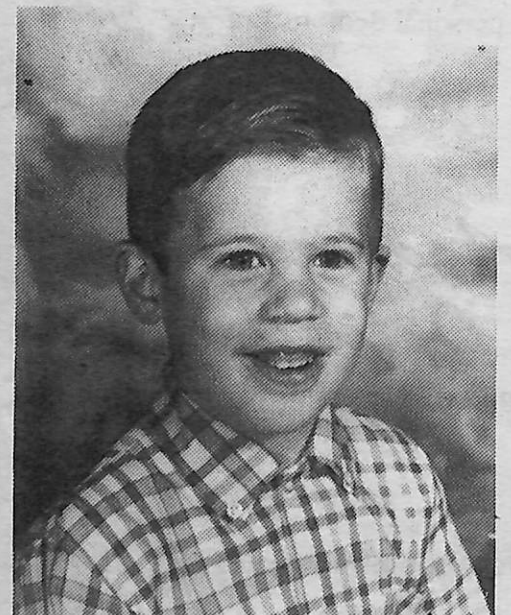
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What Nixon Will Be Remembered For

Perhaps you are one of the millions of Americans and people worldwide who watched the funeral of the 37th president of the United States. Richard Millhouse Nixon, who died from complications related to a stroke, was buried on April 27th, 1994. The funeral, presided over by Evangelist Billy Graham, was a memorable event.

What do you remember most about the funeral? Some will remember the last four Presidents, sitting with the current President on the front row, along with their wives. Some will note the 21-gun salute or the formation of planes that flew over Yorba Linda. Still others will remember the small, wooden-framed birthplace or the tears in the eyes of Nixon's last remaining brother.

The grand music and the recitation of the 23rd Psalm will be the talk of some. Many more will remember the glowing, and sometimes emotional, eulogies and the words that were said. I suspect, however, that even more will remember what was **not** said.

In his praise, one speaker noted "the thing that Mr. Nixon will most be remembered for..." and paused slightly. While American viewers thought "Watergate," the speaker noted something of Nixon's courage or unwillingness to give up. Despite the mention of Nixon's "peaks and valleys" and "successes and failures," some felt that "Watergate" was glossed over.

That bothered a lot of people, but the irony is that many people do the same thing with their own failures. Like the Nixon eulogists, they remember and highlight their good points, and act like the failures and wrongs aren't there. The underlying thought is that if I work hard enough at being good, my wrongs will be "outweighed."

Some have suggested that Nixon spent the last 20 years to create a legacy that would overshadow the shame of his resignation. I cannot say if this is true, but I have spoken to many who are trying to "work off" their sin by doing good things. God's solution to sin isn't "ignoring it" or "working it off," but rather "forgiveness."

The Bible says, "For it is by grace you have been saved (from your sin), through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works so that no one can boast" (NIV). You can't "work off" sin, but God can forgive it because it's penalty was paid by Jesus Christ. You simply ask God for it in faith that He will respond, and He will!

When a person trusts in Jesus for their forgiveness and turn their life over to God, the Bible gives this promise: "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more" (NIV).

At your funeral and mine, our accomplishments will likely be highlighted and our failures "forgotten." However, what counts the most is not what man "forgets," but what God forgives.

Valley Community Lists Events For Month Of May

Valley Community Church Congregational has announced the following calendar of events for the month of May:

Saturday, May 14th: "Community famous" Chicken Supper. Servings from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 15th: 10:00 a.m. Church Service and Sunday School; Junior Sermon for children by Lyle Pearsons and Margie Secora (of Kit 'n Kaboodle).

Sunday, May 22nd: 10:00 a.m. Church Service and Sunday School; Junior Sermon for children by Lyle Pearsons and Margie Secora (of Kit 'n Kaboodle).

Sunday, May 29th: 10:00 a.m. Church Service and Sunday School; Junior Sermon for children by Lyle Pearsons and Margie Secora (of Kit 'n Kaboodle).

Church services are conducted by the Reverend Stephen Dennehy, Associate Minister, who can inspire your faith and touch your heart with hope. Our doors are always open to one and all.

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Memorial Service For Cecil Cummings To Be At Ag. Congregational

A Memorial Service will be held to celebrate the life of Cecil J. Cummings on Sunday, May 15th, at 2:00 p.m. at the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam.

A past Deacon at the Agawam Congregational Church, this 104 year-old gentleman recently passed away. He was a much beloved, active church member who went out of his way to make everyone in the church (especially the children) feel very special.

Ag. Congregational Plans Annual Strawberry Supper

The Ladies Aid Society of Agawam Congregational Church will hold its annual strawberry supper on June 9th with sittings at 5:00 and 6:15 p.m. at the church, 745 Main Street, Agawam.

The menu will include potato salad, cole slaw, boiled ham, relish, rolls, and beverages, along with homemade strawberry shortcake.

The cost is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. For reservations, call 786-0550 before June 7th.

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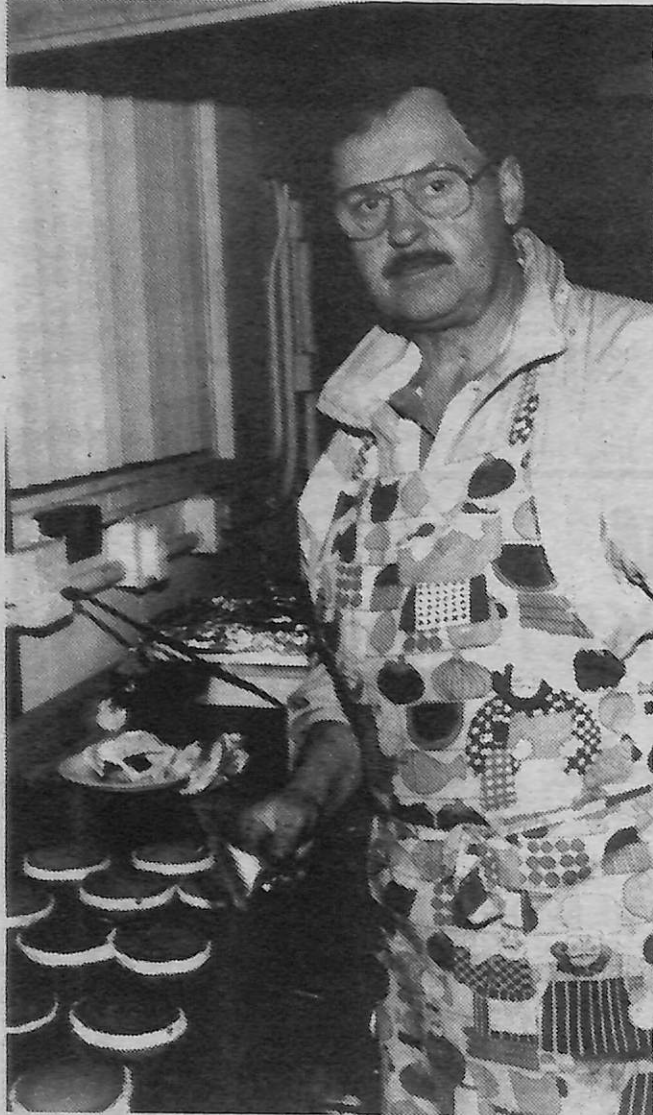
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Church News - continued...

GEORGE THOMSON volunteered his services in the kitchen of the Fire House Coffee Shoppe in West Springfield for a mission trip to Appalachia in Eastern Kentucky. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Local Youth Involved With Breakfast To Help Appalachia

The First Baptist Youth of West Springfield have been busy raising money to pay for their mission trip to the Appalachians of Eastern Kentucky. The week of June 25th through July 3rd will prove to be one full of surprises and new experiences for 14 local junior and senior high youth and their six advisors.

The group will be traveling to Harlan, Kentucky (a small town in the foothills of the Appalachian mountain range in Southeastern Kentucky).

Once a thriving coal mining town, Harlan is part of the expanding economically depressed area of our country.

Harlan is the site of a unique program sponsored by the Mennonite Central Committee. In this area and among people who feel very much abandoned by old and new industry alike, SWAP offers hope.

"Sharing With Appalachian People" provides an opportunity for people from around our nation to demonstrate in practical, hands-on ways (through roofing, painting, building of additions, plumbing, repairs, and the like) the love of Jesus.

Catholic Women's Club Slates Annual Banquet For May 16th

The Catholic Women's Club of Agawam will hold its annual banquet at Shaker Farms in Westfield on Monday evening, May 16th. Cocktail hour will start at 6:00 p.m., with dinner being served at 7:00 p.m.

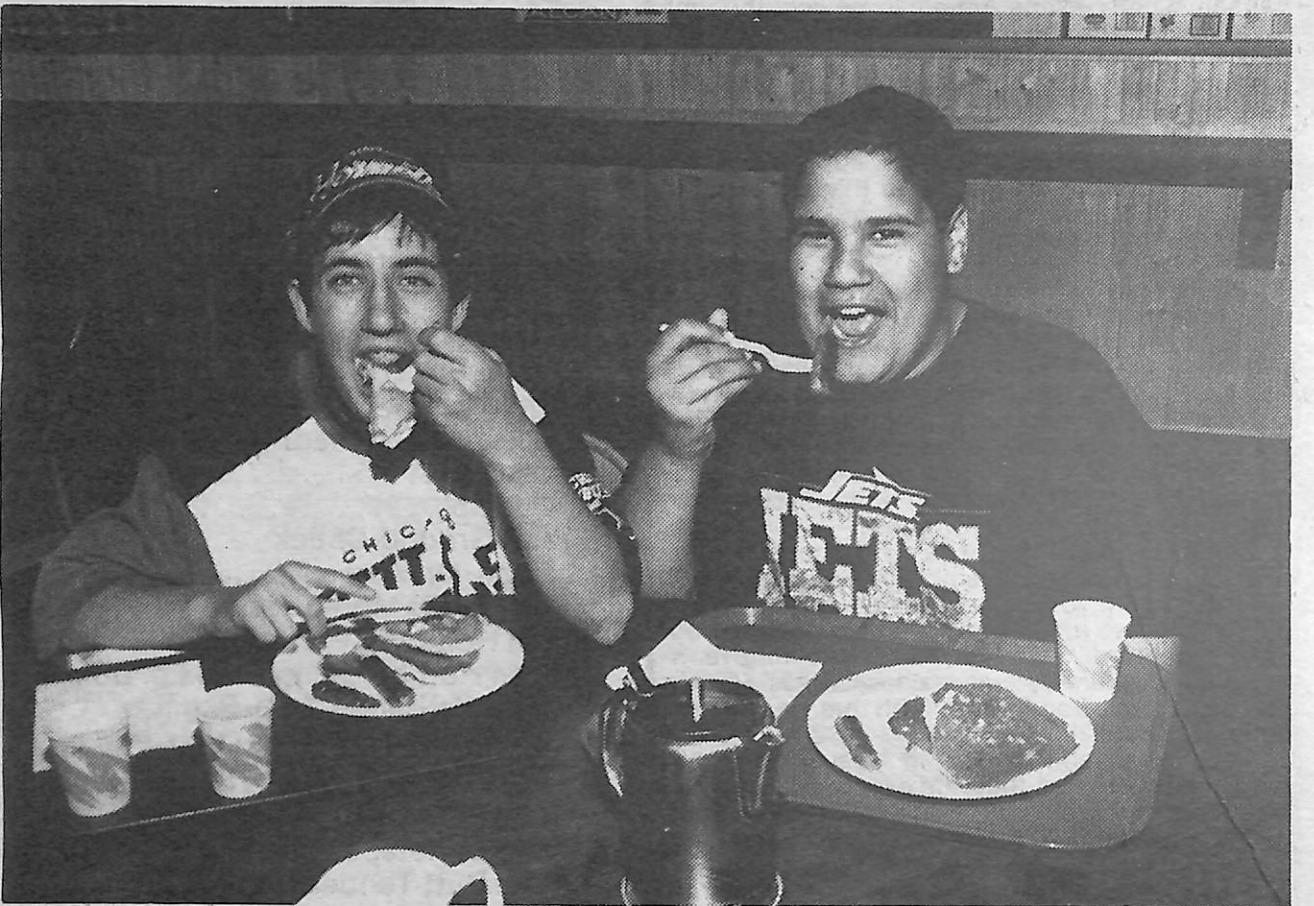
Banquet co-chairwomen are Mrs. Monique Coman, Mrs. Martha Jerry, and Mrs. Terry Longo. They are being assisted by Mrs. Alice Buell, Mrs. Betsey Ciempa, Mrs. Bernice Consolini, Mrs. Barbara Jacapraro, Mrs. Lorraine Maniscalchi, Miss Cheryl Mardeusz, and Ms. Charlene Moretti.

Also, Mrs. Carol Pignatere, Mrs. Paula Raiche, Mrs. Peg Saliba, Mrs. Pat Sherry, Mrs. Judy Shrader, Mrs. Ann Sorel, Mrs. Elaine Taupier, Mrs. Miriam Taupier, Mrs. Mary Turner, Mrs. Estelle Veronesi, and Mrs. Janet Wysocki.

The entree choices are: roast beef, baked stuffed shrimp, or chicken Francaise. If, by chance, your caller has been unable to reach you and you wish to make a reservation, please call one of the chairwomen as soon as possible.



LOCAL RESIDENTS attended a pancake breakfast at the Fire House Coffee Shoppe in West Springfield recently to raise funds for an upcoming mission to Eastern Kentucky's Appalachian Mountains. **IN TOP PHOTO**, pictured taking tickets are Carol Tweed and Dionne Cogswell; **IN PHOTO BELOW**, Nick Graham and Nelson Rosado enjoy their breakfast. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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Spotlight On Business



ROCKY PICARD congratulates Jackie Bernier for being named an outstanding employee in Riverside Park's Maintenance Department; in PHOTO RIGHT, Mark Lacombe (right) was also named an outstanding employee. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Riverside Park Recognizes Employees

T.C. Freeman, Jr., Director of Maintenance & Loss Prevention at Riverside Park, has announced that Mark Lacombe has been named Riverside Park's Maintenance Person for the Month of January, and Jackie Bernier, Maintenance Person of the Month for February.

During the month of January 1994, Mark Lacombe was given the responsibility of supervising the demolition of the Lazy River Facade, Starlight Gardens Facade and Bar Area, Sunken Gardens, and the start of the tearing down of games in front of the Lazy River.

In a professional manner, he saw to it that all of his men had the proper equipment to do the tasks at hand in an efficient and safe manner. All of this

work was done during some very adverse weather and because of his "can do" attitude and professionalism, Mark Lacombe was named Maintenance Person of the Month for January 1994.

Jackie Bernier, Riverside Park's Maintenance Person of the Month for February 1994, has done a tremendous job in handling all of the responsibilities that are required.

These responsibilities include the pricing and ordering and materials within the constraints of a budget. She also prevents running

out of parts by keeping track of inventory levels on the computer, and monitoring these levels for re-order purposes.

Also included is the handling of frequent phone calls, many of which are aiding her co-workers in performing these duties. And on occasion, Jackie has the "pleasure" of answering the office phones. This is not one of her normal duties, but she does it without complaining.

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George & Green To Co-Host Seminar For Veterans & Reservists

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For those who are unable to attend, there will be a follow-up seminar on Wednesday, May 25th, at George & Green's office, located at 820 Boston Road, Springfield.

For further information, call Eric P. Brown of George & Green Real Estate Co., Inc. at (413) 782-8756, or Laurie Bennett of National City Mortgage Co. at (413) 786-1400.



KATHY AYRE (left), manager of George & Green Real Estate, Main Street, Agawam Center, was pleased to present top awards for the Month of February to the following agents: Cindy Krolicki as "Top Listing Agent" and the team of Chet Kasperek and Laura Stevens as "Top Selling Agents." Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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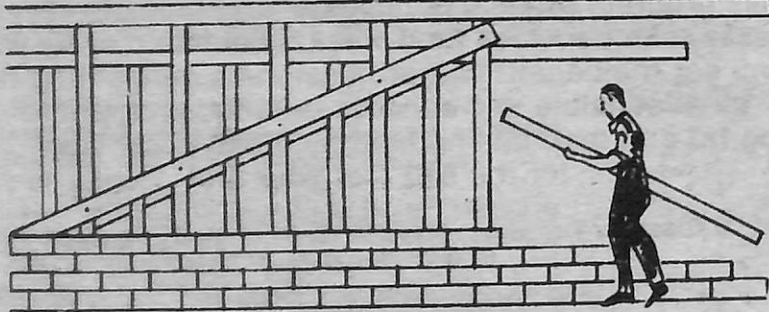
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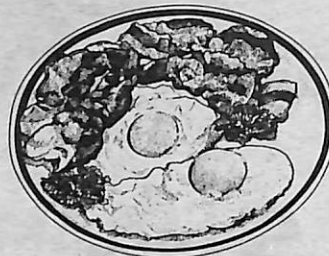
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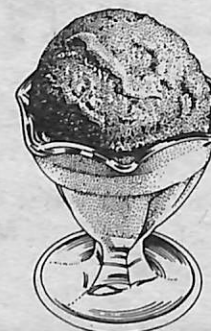
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by
John Schuler
realtorNewschu Real Estate, Inc.
20 Southwick Street, Feeding HillsHome Buying Remains A
Good Long-Term Investment

Residential real estate generally remains a strong investment, despite economic conditions. Low interest rates and affordable home prices make it easier for many people to buy a home. And, in many real estate markets across the country, home values are expected to continue a slow, steady rise as demand for housing increases.

Historically, real estate has been a relatively stable investment. Housing prices usually stayed at the same level as (or appreciated faster than) the rate of inflation. During the Great Depression, for example, housing prices dropped only 39% while the stock market fell nearly 90%. Housing prices actually rose an average of 10% during recessions in the 1970's and 1980's.

Recent reports indicate that homeowners in most areas of the country can still expect their homes' appreciation to exceed the rate of inflation. The annual rate of national home appreciation since 1990 has averaged 5% compared to approximately 3% for inflation.

First-time buyers benefit most from today's low interest rate, more affordable prices, and steady appreciation. This combination often results in a more easily obtainable starter home that will eventually yield a profit and allow the buyer to trade up to a larger, more expensive home in the future.

Second-home buyers also stand to gain from today's more affordable prices and steady appreciation. A vacation home can be a solid investment, and many vacation homes are expected to enjoy rising appreciation rates in the next few years.

Appreciation isn't the only advantage to buying a home. The federal government provides a tax shelter to homeowners by allowing them to deduct all of the mortgage interest on their primary and second homes from their taxable income.

Additionally, the profit on the sale of a home is tax-deferred as long as a home for greater or equal the price is purchased within two years. Some owners take advantage of the one-time-only capital gain exemption if certain qualifications are met (see your tax advisor for details).

Each real estate market is different, and potential buyers should conduct a thorough evaluation of the area in which they intend to buy a home

before they make a purchase decision. A trained real estate sales associate—armed with local Multiple Listing Service (MLS) data and an understanding of the marketplace—is best equipped to assist home buyers in reaching that decision.

(John Schuler is the Broker/Owner of CENTURY 21 Newschu Real Estate, Inc., located in Feeding Hills, MA [413-789-1117].)

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Food for Thought

by Nancy Dell
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About Losing Fat...

As adults begin to age, an interesting thing happens to their bodies. Every year, we lose about a pound of muscle. If we don't actively strive to replace this naturally occurring muscle loss, the result is a lowered metabolism. Why?

Because muscle is very active tissue and makes high energy (calorie) demands even when we are at rest. Less muscle, less calorie expenditure, slower metabolism. Simple.

So, even if we make no changes at all in how we eat, we will eventually gain weight because our intake will exceed our body's need for calories as that need decreases with time.

Studies at the research center at Nautilus show that Americans typically gain up to a pound and a half of fat weight each year. In fact, when you figure in muscle loss from the aging process, this represents more like a two-pound change in the body's metabolism in the wrong direction, though it only looks like a one-pound gain on the scale. And this goes on year after year.

In an example given by Wayne Wescott, noted expert in the exercise industry, let's take Rita. Rita weighs 120 pounds at age 25. Her body composition is healthy and excellent at 20 percent fat.

When Rita turns 35, she weighs 130 pounds but has lost five pounds of muscle, so her body has actually gained 15 pounds of fat, rather than the 10 that it looks like on the scale. Her body fat percentage is 30 percent, decidedly less healthy than her former 20 percent composition.

This represents a 20-pound change in her body's composition, so she feels and looks dif-

ferent and decides to go on a diet. She goes on a diet and returns to her goal weight of 120 pounds. She doesn't realize it, but five of the ten pounds that she lost is fat, and five is muscle.

Her "resting metabolism" has been slowed by 300 calories a day—she would have to reduce her normal intake of 1,500 calories a day to 1,200 just to maintain her new weight. Before long, she has regained the 10 pounds of fat and once again, weighs 130 pounds.

This time, 35 percent of her is fat. Since she is unaware of the myths and misconceptions that lie beneath unhealthy "yo-yo" dieting, she continues to look for a better diet while trying to repair her self-image, which was damaged by what she thinks is a lack of self-discipline on her part.

While it is important for Rita to lose the extra fat she has accumulated over the years, she should know that **adding muscle weight** to her body **will increase her metabolism**, and so she should consider it to be the top priority.

For three days a week, she should engage in strength (weight) training for 30 minutes, and 30 minutes of aerobic exercise. According to studies done by Wayne Wescott in Quincy, MA, if she also modified her eating habits, she could see as much as 10 pounds of fat weight lost and two pounds of muscle weight gained, for a total of 12 pounds of positive body composition change in as little as eight weeks.

This would look like eight pounds lost on the scale, but would actually be much better, because her resting metabolic rate would be increased significantly.

Without a doubt, Americans are more and more concerned with the issue of weight gain, slowing down the aging process, and living a higher quality life longer. The best means for maintaining our weight and metabolism will be from productive, healthy lifestyle changes.

Nancy Dell and Debra Morse's Weight Management Program provides people with the information on how to make important, healthy lifestyle changes, how to choose goals to work for, how to boost their self-image, how to manage stress, and how to get and keep themselves motivated.

Classes are due to begin soon. Limited space is available, so if you are interested, please call 786-2957 or 789-2992 for more information or to register.

Ag. Health Department Urges Proper Disposal Of Diabetic Materials

It is very important that diabetics dispose of their needles and syringes properly. Used needles and syringes should be placed in a coffee can, etc.

When full, the can should be **covered, taped closed** to secure it, and then placed in their rubbish bags or containers for disposal.

If thrown away individually or unsecured, they can pose a serious threat to individuals and the environment.

News And Notes From Agawam Health Dept.

DIABETES PREVENTION

The signs and symptoms of high blood sugar include blurred vision, loss of weight, extreme thirst, and frequent urination.

Have your blood sugar tested at the Senior Center on the first Friday of the month between 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Call for an appointment.

Fasting is preferable prior to having your blood sugar tested.

LOAN CLOSET

Many residents of Agawam have donated the following items to the department: walkers, tub seats, potty chairs, crutches, elevated toilet seats, and wheelchairs.

Anyone in need may borrow these articles free of charge. Call the Agawam Health Department at 786-0400 (extension 207) for more information.

Free Health Promo At Heritage Hall

Heritage Hall Nursing and Rehabilitation Center is sponsoring a free health promotion lecture on hearing, May 19th at 2:00 p.m., at Heritage Hall North, 55 Cooper Street, Agawam.

Guest speaker will be Lois Osetek from Mercy Hospital's Audiology Department. Refreshments will be served.

Call Regina Bossig at 786-8000 to make reservations.

Diabetes Support At Noble Hospital

Noble Hospital's diabetes support group scheduled for May 19th has been rescheduled to Thursday, May 26th at 10:00 a.m.

The support group, led by Barbara Agard, R.N., C.D.E. will take place in the Noble Hospital Auditorium A.

Barbara Agard is a certified diabetes educator and works with diabetic patients on a consultation basis at Noble Hospital.

Registration is not required. For more information, please call Noble's Healthbeat, 568-BEAT (2328).

Prenatal Exercise For Pregnant Women

The Center for Women's Health at Providence Hospital is offering an ongoing series of prenatal exercise classes for pregnant women.

Taught by physical therapy professionals specially trained in prenatal exercise, "Moms in Motion" is a stretching and strengthening program designed to deal with the areas of the body most affected by pregnancy.

The program provides fun, fitness, and support to expectant women who have completed their first trimester.

Pre-registration is necessary. For more information, call 539-2950.

Healthy Cooking At Agawam Senior Ctr. On May 17th & 24th

The Agawam Council on Aging will be sponsoring "Healthy Cooking and Eating," a nutritional program designed to educate people on how to improve their health by better food purchasing, meal preparation, and eating habits.

Individual sessions will be repeated at the Agawam Senior Center on May 17th and 24th, and four at the Agawam Public Library on June 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th. All sessions run from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. All participants will have the opportunity to enjoy the special health menu that will be prepared by the chef.

Peter Savenko, Manager of Food Production at Baystate Medical Center, will lead the sessions and will be assisted by a chef and a dietician.

Class contents will include an overview of low fat/low cholesterol diets and tips. Shopping, reading labels and dining out will be briefly discussed.

The chef will then demonstrate the preparation of an entire low fat/low cholesterol meal from start to finish. The menu will include Italian minestrone soup, tossed chef salad, healthy lasagna, sesame bread sticks, and nut and fruity pudding. Participants will then enjoy the meal at no cost.

This program is made possible through a grant received from the Greater Springfield Senior Services, Inc. Due to limited space, registration is required. This program is open to all residents of Agawam and Feeding Hills.

To register for this free program, call or stop by either the Agawam Senior Center at 786-0400, ext. 242, or the Agawam Public Library at 789-1550.

Noble Hospital Now Offers Two Blood Drawing Stations

Noble Hospital now has two blood drawing stations conveniently located for residents of the greater Westfield area. Both stations are available to individuals who have had blood tests ordered by their physicians.

Noble's new blood drawing station is located in the Arrow Drug Store at 427 Elm Street, and is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. (exclusive of holidays).

The hospital's other station, located at 70 Court Street, is open from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, and from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Wednesdays.

The actual tests for both blood drawing stations will be performed at Noble Hospital's fully accredited laboratory. For more information, call 568-2811, extension 456, for the North Elm Street facility; or extension 517, for the Court Street lab. Appointments are not necessary at either facility.

Cancer Support Group At Noble Hospital

Noble Hospital's Cancer Support Group will meet on Thursday, May 19th, at 7:30 p.m. in the hospital Auditorium A, located on the ground floor.

The monthly support group is open to individuals with cancer, and their families or support persons.

Nancy Ferguson, M.Ed., is the group facilitator. Registration is not required. For further information, please contact Ana Nunez, R.N., Same Day Care at Noble Hospital, 568-2811, ext. 212.



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This Week At THE MOVIES

by Christine Plesyk
Advertiser News Staff

—The Inkwell

Take one lonely black teenage youth in trouble, a kid whose best friend is a ragged doll ... add a mom whose family never quite accepted her choice of husband (a former Black Panther) ... and put them in the Nantucket home of her sister and successful, upwardly mobile black businessman husband and you have a setting ripe for fireworks...

It's *The Inkwell*, a film set in the 1970's, and it's frighteningly real—especially when we realize we really did wear those clothes!

The boy, who accidentally set fire to his family home, is a loner, shy, unable to communicate with his family.

He is paired up with a teenage cousin who's not too thrilled to be showing his younger cousin the ins and outs of Nantucket's black society.

The sisters try to affect family peace between warring brothers-in-law and a grandmother who also fails to accept her daughter's unconventional marriage.

Enter into this picture a psychologist who taps into the boy's spirit and takes the first steps to free him from himself, and you have the beginnings of a film with a few surprises.

The Inkwell is sometimes sentimental, often funny, occasionally probing, and ultimately provides a real family picture where people (for all their differences) can live and love each other.

The images, the clothes, and the music all recall the end of the protest era, and viewers will either laugh or cringe at some of the fashions (although the palazzo styles seen here are back on top in the 90's).

Perhaps what is most impressive is that the film shows a black husband and wife struggling through a difficult period in their relationship and managing to overcome their difficulties and stay together by working things out and placing value on their history and commitment to each other. At the same time, the development of a new and stronger relationship of acceptance and understanding between father and son and the boy's emergence into adulthood is equally positive.

Though the film lacks the power and the violence of such landmark black films as *Boyz in the Hood*, it is a lighter, softer, and gentler film with an equally strong message about family values and survival.

—Clean Slate

In *Clean Slate*, Dana Carvey plays a detective who's lost his memory; each morning he awakens with a clean slate, nothing left in his memory. He has to turn on a tape recorder which tells him his facts of life, and so the story goes.

This absurd plot has him as the key witness in a mob trial, only no one knows he can't remember a thing.

There is one redeeming virtue in this otherwise flawed film—Carvey's dog, a one-eyed mutt with a big black eyepatch and no depth perception. Forgive us devotees of sightgags and pratfalls, but the sight of this hapless hound lunging at the enemy and landing in the closet instead is good for a belly laugh or two.

The bottom line, however, is wait for the TV version; even then, you might find yourself changing the channel.



Pisano's Picks...

ON VIDEO

by Louis Pisano

Pisano's Pity, Part Five

I have recently thought of another aspect of filmmaking that thoroughly irritates me. That aspect is when a movie is made that is a direct ripoff of another successful movie. Below is just an excerpt from an endless list of what I prefer to call "deja vu films!"

* Orca

Director: Michael Anderson. 1977. Rated PG. 1 hour and 32 minutes. Starring: Richard Harris, Keenan Wynn, Will Sampson, Bo Derek, Robert Carradine, and Charlotte Rampling.

Remember this one, folks? The movie about a vengeful killer whale. Looks a bit like *Jaws* to me. Richard Harris delivers a good performance as the whale hunter that is hunted by the killer whale.

Richard Harris and company come upon a family of killer whales. The whale-hunting crew accidentally harpoons the mommy whale, which serves not only to anger the much bigger daddy whale, but also to provide a weak plot for the now-remaining hour and 15 minutes of this film.

The film relies solely upon human emotion for its impact. The opening sequence deals with (surprise!) a large shark trying to attack a diver. Good ol' Orca comes to the rescue of this human, only to be hunted by humans later. At this point you're supposed to be saying, "Aww, how sad!"

The rest of the film now illustrates what happens when you break up a family of whales and tick off the daddy. The seaport resort is terrorized by this whale who decides to defy nature and add humans to his menu of food choices.

Of course, these actions are all a vain attempt to get to Harris, the man the whale holds solely responsible for the death of his wife (although the wedding of these two human-like whales must have occurred before the film began).

Give me a break. *Orca* is nothing more than an attempt to give the moviegoing public more of what it wanted back in 1977; that is, *Jaws* revisited two years later. The notion of a killer whale with a conscience chasing one man is a far cry from satisfying the need that *Jaws 2* did the following summer of 1978.

So, in closing, the only thing that *Orca* has going for it is the acting. The performances are all quite good. The story, as you well know by now, unfortunately suffers from what I coin "bogos syndrome"—that is, that a whale personified as having human emotion just doesn't cut it as far as believability goes for feature film fare.

If we wanted such absurdity, we could watch old reruns of Mister Ed! **2½ STARS.** (17 years and up.)

* Cyborg

Director: Albert Pyun. 1989. Rated R. 1 hour and 30 minutes. Starring: Jean-Claude Van Damme, Deborah Richter, and Dayle Haddon.

This film appeals as much as your alarm clock at 6:00 a.m.! The film is a complete bore with ab-

solutely no entertainment value at all. Jean-Claude Van Damme delivers his usual talentless performance as a big, mean robot from the future who travels back in time to kill some gang members (kind of like Arnie the cyborg did in *The Terminator*).

In fact, *Cyborg* is nothing more than a wretched attempt to cash in on the success of *The Terminator*. The plot is the same; the only difference is that the acting is pitiful, the direction is deplorable, the script is incredibly weak, and character development is all but nonexistent!

The resulting finished film, then, consists of an incompetent director directing actors that can't act in a boring story about a robotic character who has as much personality as does your food processor!

We do not need any more explosion-ridden films about characters whose only purpose for survival is to maim and destroy. If this is what most people considered entertainment, then the 6:00 o'clock news would be the highest rated programming in existence!

Steer clear of this waste of film, folks, because you won't see talent, you won't see an entertaining story, and (for all intents and purposes) you won't see a movie. They should've left all the terminating to Arnie, because all you will be subjected to is a film about a robot that should've been disassembled limb from limb as soon as the opening credits concluded! **0 STARS.** (18 years and up.)

* Thelma and Louise

Director: Ridley Scott. 1991. Rated R. 2 hours and 8 minutes. Starring: Susan Sarandon, Geena Davis, Harvey Keitel, Michael Madsen, and Christopher McDonald.

Quite possibly one of the most overrated films of recent years, *Thelma & Louise* is anything but a fantastic film. Besides the fact that it is almost a virtual rehash of *Bonnie & Clyde*, the message of the film is disgraceful.

The story centers around a couple of women who decide to embark on a trek for freedom from their mates. In doing so, the women wind up in some major trouble for shooting a would-be rapist. The action that ensues involves these women getting into all sorts of messes while running from the long arm of the law. (It does sound a bit like *Bonnie & Clyde*, doesn't it?)

The worst part of all is that these women meet with a grossly inappropriate fate at the close of the film which does nothing more than serve as the icing on a cake that indirectly suggests that women will perish without the mighty man!

Hollywood should be ashamed of itself for making such a sexist film and presenting it in the public forum for young women to see. Sending the message that as soon as a woman is "free" from a man she goes and gets into trouble is inexcusable. The film portrays women as possessing an incompetence when it comes to surviving on their own. Haven't we learned our lessons from past mistakes regarding this issue?

So, instead of portraying the two lead characters as being independent, we see them as destined for ruin. In *Bonnie and Clyde*, this technique worked because it dealt with a man and a woman. In *Thelma & Louise*, we see two potentially influential role models fall by the wayside. So what seems like a fun little trip is really a political statement incognito.

Hollywood better start becoming more socially responsible with the entertainment it births, especially in regards to women and the manner in which they are used in film. **1 STAR.** (18 years and up.)

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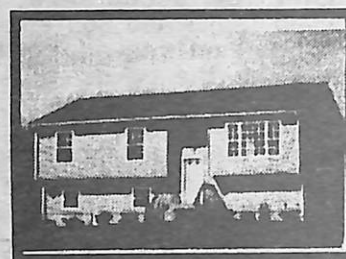


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Works Of DeBorah Allen At Post Office

The Agawam Community Artists and the Agawam Cultural Council are sponsoring an art exhibition by area artist DeBorah Donnelly-Allen, at the Agawam Post Office on Main Street for the month of May.

Born and raised in Ludlow, Ms. Allen has lived in Feeding Hills for the past 10 years.

Possessing a B.A. degree in English and communications from Westfield State College, Ms. Allen stated, "I have found that art is a universal way of communicating." She continued, "In my art, I try to communicate a 'feeling' of what I see in a subject matter rather than depicting a 'photograph quality' in my work.

"Even when I do portraits, I'm more interested in creating a good picture rather than an exact replica of the subject matter."

Ms. Allen is known for her bold shapes and colors, as well as for her choice of subject matter. Most of her pictures try to capture and convey a "single" feeling to the viewer.

A flexible artist, Ms. Allen works in oils, acrylics, charcoal, watercolor, inks, and wearable art. Recently, she has been concentrating on "twig painting."

"I enjoy variety," stated Ms. Allen. "The more I experiment and explore different art mediums, the more ways I find to express myself in my work."

In the future, she hopes to complete her master's degree in art therapy or expressive arts. "Art is a great therapeutic tool," she explained. "It helps people reach inside without feeling threatened."

"I've worked with survivors of abuse in the past and find that some people communicate a lot better on paper than they do verbally. The great thing about art is that anyone can do it!"

As an artist, Ms. Allen feels that she looks at the world a little bit differently than the usual person. "Everyone is unique and has their own way of looking at things. I look at the shapes, sizes, colors, and compositions."

"Dennis The Menace" At Agawam Public Library

The whole family is invited to another of the Agawam Public Library's evening film programs on Tuesday, May 24th, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

The feature film is a comedy for all ages, "Dennis the Menace. You are welcome to bring a sit-upon and any non-drippy snacks you'd like.

Please call 789-1550 or stop by at 750 Cooper Street to register.

Ms. Allen is also a professional writer and hopes to write and illustrate a children's book. "Children are very direct and appreciate things at face value. It will be quite a challenge."

Having studied with master watercolorist Phakos and twig painter Richard Doyle, Ms. Allen presently gives private lessons in twig painting. "Once you've become comfortable in a medium, you can change your approach and make it your own. Master Doyle taught me that art can be fun and serious at the same time."

She explained that she loves twig painting because it encompasses several of the other art forms: sketching, pencil, pen, washes, watercolor, and using varnishes.

"It's great for a beginner artist because it doesn't take a great deal of expensive and time-consuming preparation, it's portable, and it can be done in stages without that 'unfinished' look," she stated.

"However," she continued, "it can be very time-consuming because every single stroke is done with a twig."

For aspiring artists, Ms. Allen offered this piece of advice: "It's hard to make a living at being an artist. Be practical. Start small by exploring and experimenting with various art forms and mediums. When you're 'ready,' be ready to make a life-long commitment."

"I thank God for giving me a talent and interest that affords me such pleasure," she concluded.

Ms. Allen is a member of the Agawam Community Artists and the Springfield Art League. Her work has been exhibited at the Springfield Art League Show, the Agawam Community Artists Juried Show, the Charles River Gallery, the Mercy Hospital Gallery, and in the offices of various businesses and private collections throughout New England and the Mid-West.

Anyone interested in the Agawam Community Artists can contact Beverly Secondo-Wands at 786-7742 or DeBorah Allen at 786-6087.

Longmeadow Prepares For Town's 350th Anniversary Gala

On Friday, May 20th, a Picnic on the Green will kick off "Long Meddowe Days," the Longmeadow Historical Society's 350th celebration of the town's settling. This celebration, the 15th annual event, has become a Longmeadow tradition.

Committee members, composed of town resident volunteers, are busy organizing a weekend of fun, historical interest, and community activities. Many of the old favorites, such as the Saturday morning "Our Town" parade, Pet Show, and the Architectural and Historical House Tours, will be intermingled with a number of new events, ensuring entertainment for all tastes and ages.

The town's first Long Meddowe Days road race, the "Tim Paige Memorial 5-K Road Race," will be held on Sunday afternoon, May 22nd, at 1:30 p.m. All proceeds from the race will benefit the Tim Paige-Longmeadow Historical Society Scholarship Fund. Tim Paige was a resident of Longmeadow and co-founder of Long Meddowe Days. As an active member of the Longmeadow Historical Society, Tim touched the lives of many townspeople.

Walkers and runners alike can participate in the Road Race, competing for cash prizes in male and female categories, with additional cash awards in the Masters Division (over 40 years of age). The first 100 applicants will receive free T-shirts.

The Society of the Seventeenth Century will be recreating the lifestyle of the settlers of Longmeadow in 1644 on the town green

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DR. FRANKENSTEIN (Konrad Rogowski of Chicopee) invites a wary young couple (Mark Proulx of Agawam and Paula Cortis of Suffield) into his castle laboratory in The Suffield Players' laugh-filled musical "I'm Sorry The Bridge Is Out, You'll Have To Spend The Night." At presstime, there were still some tickets remaining for the May 13th, 20th, and 21st performances. Don't miss this one at Mapleton Hall, Suffield, CT. Call 1-800-289-6148 for reservations.

Community Theatre Review... Ghoulie Delights Await Theatre-Goers At New Suffield Players Show

by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

You're driving along on a stormy night and your car breaks down. You knock on the door of a large stone castle and while waiting for help you hear the words "I'm Sorry The Bridge Is Out, You'll Have To Spend The Night," which happens to be the title of the latest production from The Suffield Players.

And what a night it is for unsuspecting travelers John Wellgood and Mary Merryman (Mark Proulx and Paula Cortis), who have landed in the castle of Dr. Frankenstein (Konrad Rogowski) and his evil cohort, the hunchbacked Igor (Lyle Pearsons), who have been searching for "a well-trained brain" for their monster (Ed Gogulski).

The castle, with its trapdoors, coffins, sarcophagus, and laboratory, is also peopled with such characters as Count Dracula (Richard Anderson), his undead wife (Evelyn Holland as Natasha) and the "Draculettes" (Diane Christian, Amy Heft, Dorrie Mitchell and Barbara Woerner); the mummy (Dana T. Ring); Tom MacDonald as the werewolf, Prince Rex; Allen Nott as the insane, bug-eating Renfield; and Denise Boutin as Dr. Nassar.

The time is 1938, and the hapless lovers are in trouble.

Even as the mad doctor prepares to transplant John's brain, Mary is being wooed by the blood-thirsty count, who would love to add her to his entourage of the undead.

Rogowski and Pearsons play off each other not only with years of dramatic and comedic experience, but with the sheer fun of staging such a production.

It's more madcap comedy than horror story, and the actors have as much fun performing as the viewers do in watching it all unfold.

The casting is perfect: Pearsons wide-eyed gnome to Rogowski's wild-haired fanatic; Anderson's devastatingly evil elegance to Holland's vampish wiles; and the naive blundering of the hapless Proulx and Cortis.

The story and music for this comic adventure is by Sheldon Allman and Bobby "Boris" Pickett (the latter of "Monster Mash" fame). Marge Secora directs.

Musical numbers include "I'm Sorry The Bridge Is Out," "All Eternity Blues," and "The Bride Of Dracula," to name a few.

Secora moves her players within an intricate set of trapdoors, secret rooms, and underground passageways, keeping the action and the sightgags rolling with expert timing.

This Suffield Players production continues May 13th-14th and 20th-21st at the historic Mapleton Hall in Suffield.

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throughout the weekend celebration. The reenactors who form the Society membership are dedicated to promoting the interest in and dissemination of knowledge of the period of American History during the years 1600 through 1699.

Camping out on the green throughout the weekend, Society members in authentically reproduced clothing will illustrate their enthusiasm for the early settlers' lives by demonstrating community life activities such as open hearth cooking, candle making, herb processing, pottery, and children's activities. The Town Crier will "preside" throughout Long Meddowe Days to maintain awareness of the Society's ongoing events. Up to four other reenactment groups from the Northeast will join

the 17th Century Society.

In addition to the popular Juried Arts and Crafts Exhibits / Marketplace on the green both Saturday and Sunday, a number of musical and entertainment events are planned. On Saturday and Sunday, a continuous musical program from 12:00 noon until 4:00 p.m. will feature local artists with everything from country folk to classical to instrumental jazz will fill the air.

The Memorial Day service which takes place the week before the traditional Memorial Day weekend will be conducted by the Longmeadow Historical Society for the first time in 40 years. Tentative speakers for the Sunday, May 22nd event include U.S. Senator John Kerry, State Senator Brian Lees, and District Attorney William Bennett.

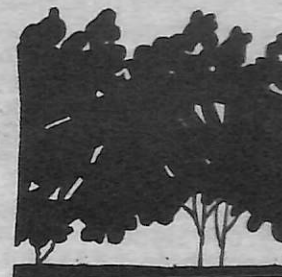
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Resolving Conflict Played Out For Sixth Graders

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

The two shoppers simultaneously reached for and grasped the last orange in the produce department display at the local supermarket, and the tug-o-war over ownership of the orange was on.

"You're being very rude."

"No, you are being rude. I had the orange first and I need it to make a cake for my son's birthday."

"I need it for my 84 year-old mother. She's sick and the doctor says she needs fresh orange juice. Why don't you just buy a cake?"

"It's a very special birthday and I have to have the orange to make my son's favorite cake."

Back and forth the argument went, with each woman insisting her need for the orange was the most compelling. Neither would relinquish the orange, and it seemed like a brawl was about to break out.

The latest headache for an area produce manager? Fortunately, no.

This scene was played out for sixth graders at the Agawam Middle School by Agawam High School Guidance Counselor Judy Cohen and Doris Schuh of the Springfield-based Center for Human Development, as part of the conflict resolution training being presented to the students in four sessions.

The training seeks to help students avoid playing the "blame game" and to look for solutions by using win/win strategies in negotiating a settlement that leaves both parties to a conflict feeling that their concerns have been satisfied.

As the two women "combatants" in the ordeal of the orange played their roles in the dispute, students in Emmett Morrill's sixth grade class offered several solutions to the problem. The solutions ranged from buying a carton of juice for the ailing mother to asking the produce manager to settle the argument.

The Perfect Solution!

Finally, one student hit on the perfect solution. Mrs. Cohen would get the juice of the orange for her sick mother, and Mrs. Schuh would get the peel of the orange to make her cake.

"Eureka!" Mrs. Cohen exclaimed. "You guys came to it!"

According to Health Curriculum Coordinator Connie Hutton, the Lifeskills Violence Prevention Curriculum aims to teach students anger management, empathy building, communication skills, and win/win negotiation strategies.



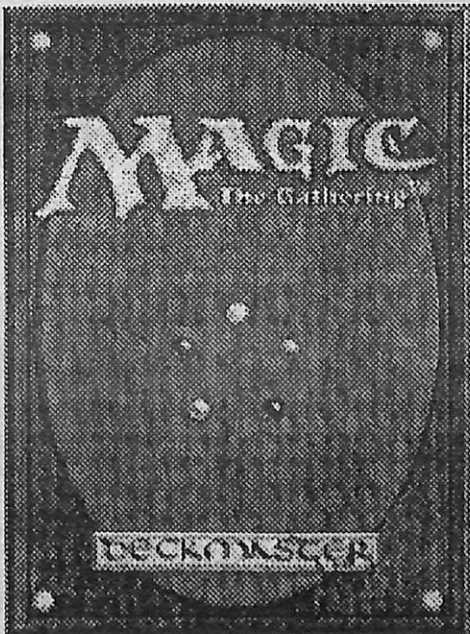
CONFLICT MANAGEMENT TRAINING was recently presented to sixth graders at the Agawam Middle School by Alan Cohen (top), Agawam High School guidance counselor; and Richard Cowles (below), the Middle School's adjustment counselor. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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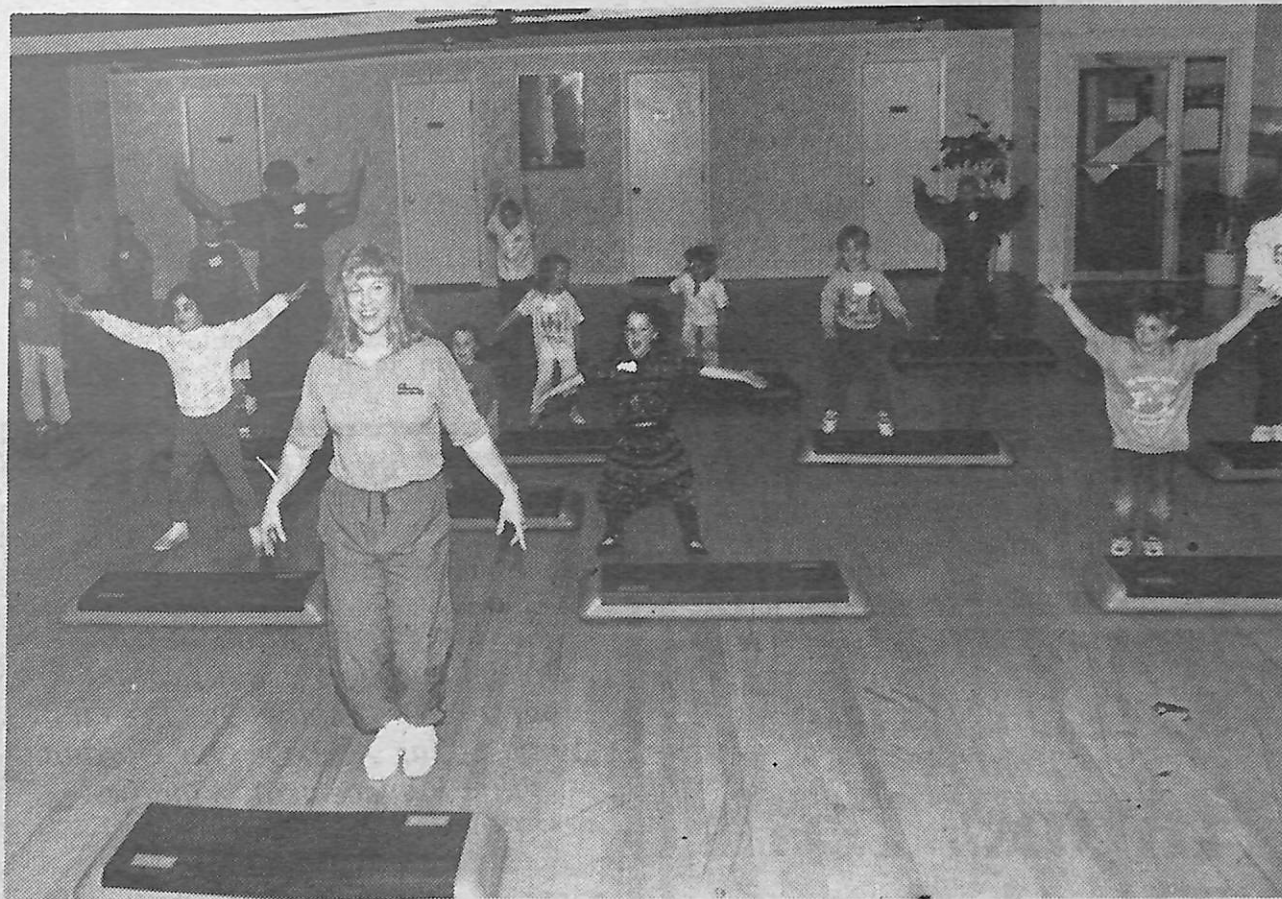
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Mrs. Hutton said the training is presented to sixth graders as a preventative measure in heading off the increase in fighting between students typically associated with junior high school students.

"Adolescence is a turbulent time and fighting is just a symptom of that turbulence," Mrs. Hutton said.

Sixth grade teacher Janice DeFilipi said she is already seeing a positive spillover into her students' school-life as a result of the program.

Mrs. DeFilipi cited the often emotionally-charged Pillow Polo title game played between her class (Room 303) and Emmett Morrell's class (Room 306).

Proud that her students displayed good sportsmanship despite being edged out of first place in a squeaker of a match, Mrs. DeFilipi said, "There were no outbursts and no name-calling. They all were good sports."

The students themselves agreed that the program helped them to deal more positively with their emotions; to remember that violence is not the way to deal with anger; and to think before acting.

Along with several of the Pillow Polo players, Mike Ratkiewicz admitted becoming frustrated and angry during the game: "I felt like checking him (an opposing player), but I decided not to take my anger out on someone else."

Jeff Rennell agreed that the training helped him control his anger. "It was just a game," Jeff said.

School Adjustment Counselor Dick Cowles said he was pleased with how the program went, although he added, "We probably could have used another session to give the kids a chance to practice the techniques a little more."

Mrs. DeFilipi said, "This is something that's been needed for a long time. It would be a good thing to do at the beginning of the year to help solve problems and to help avoid problems."

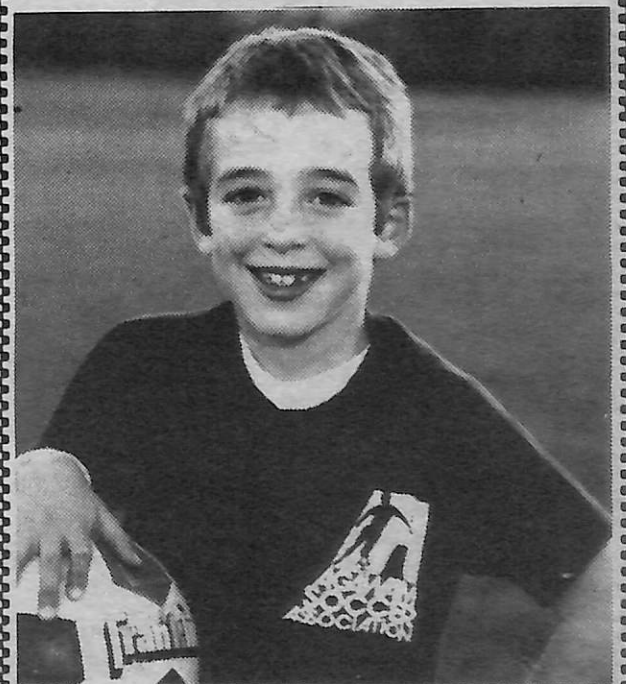
Boy Scout Troop 82 Slates Blood Drive For Sat., May 21st

A blood drive, sponsored by the members of Boy Scout Troop 82, will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Bodurtha Hall of the Agawam First Baptist Church, Main Street.

Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments will also be taken. To schedule a time to give blood, call Colleen Dupee, 786-1345; Pat Moore, 786-9514; or the American Red Cross, 737-4306.

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Michael Knodler, Linda Labonte, Tammy Leary, Timothy Ledoux, Jamie Lewis, Tiffany Maleshefski, Eric Mastroianni, Rose Pignatare, Kathryn Poulos, Jay Reopel, Jose Ricaurte, Michael Rose, Alena Rusava, Lisa Savioli, Nicole Sawyer, Jacquelyn Snare, Amanda Sunny, Erinn Wynne, Todd Zern.

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ROBERTA DOERING - from Page 1...

State Senator Linda Melconian said Mrs. Doering's election was a personal achievement for "a woman of great character and professionalism—an outstanding recognition for her and for all of Western Mass."

"Roberta will make Agawam and our entire area proud. This shows the caliber and quality of the people in Western Mass. It gives us the kind of stature we need here in Western Mass," Senator Melconian added.

As chairman of the School Committee, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson remarked, "It's fantastic! This is the culmination of the hard work and dedication Mrs. Doering has put in at the national level. This is tremendous for the town of Agawam."

Mrs. Doering's Experience With The NSBA

With her election as president of the Massachusetts Schools Boards Association in 1986, Mrs. Doering automatically became a delegate to the NSBA. Elected to the board of directors in 1989, Mrs. Doering has also served as the association's vice-president, secretary-treasurer, and as a member of the nominating committee.

"I'm proud to represent Agawam and everywhere I go, I always say that's in the western part of the state," Mrs. Doering grinned, before adding, "not near Boston!"

With more than 20 years of service on the Agawam School Committee and many years of state and national service, Mrs. Doering said, "I look at the Agawam schools and see that we do an awful lot of good, solid things here."

Looking ahead to taking over the reins of the NSBA, Mrs. Doering said, "It's extremely exciting to have the opportunity to represent all of the public schoolchildren across the country. If we don't do a good job educating them, they won't be able to take their places in the future."

Of her extensive involvement in community service, including membership on the national board of the YMCA, Mrs. Doering said, "My primary interest is in being involved with children. Everything I've done somehow involves children."

In addition to her work on the local, state, and national level as a school committee member, Mrs. Doering serves on the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Springfield Y.M.C.A., the National Y.M.C.A. Board, Board of Trustees of Bay State Medical Center, and Board of Trustees of the Springfield Library and Museum Associations.

Founded in 1940, the NSBA represents the 95,000 school board members who govern more than 15,000 school districts across the nation. With a student population of 40 million, public school systems provide elementary and secondary education to nearly 90% of American students.

Westfield State Names Dean's List Students From Agawam

Dr. William Lopes, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs at Westfield State College, has announced that the following local students have achieved Dean's List for the Fall 1993 semester.

From Agawam:

Matthew J. Reardon (English); Robert Stack (Business Management); Rachel M. Hyland (Psychology); Richard E. Carra (Computer Information Systems); Kelly A. Pellegrino (Business Management); David M. Sheehan (Business Management); Joseph A. Loudfoot (Business Management); Brian D. Hill (Criminal Justice); Ron C. Geida (Music); and Mary E. Davison (Music).

From Feeding Hills:

Brian K. Hill (Business Management); Jennifer M. O'Keefe (Elementary Education); Christine M. Waite (Mass Communications); Christine J. Nowacki (Elementary Education); Walter T. Komorowski (Music); Kristin M. Dilizia (Elementary Education); Mark W. Deveno (Criminal Justice); Kerry A. Robinson (Criminal Justice); Scott Mackin (Biology); Gina M. Vergnani (Music); Victor G. Gomes (Regional Planning); and Gina Marie Rossi (Criminal Justice).

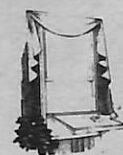
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AHS Group SAVE Pays Tribute To "Earth Day"

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Students Against Violating the Earth (SAVE) celebrated Earth Day, April 22nd, with a week-long series of events held during the week before spring vacation.

The group's 40 members, led by their advisor, Agawam High math teacher Pat Bertone-Gross, sponsored a tee-shirt sale to raise money to purchase textbooks and storybooks on environmental themes for the AHS library, as well as the Agawam Public Library. The group also held trivia and photo contests and invited the entire school to a presentation on pollution prevention by Alex Murphy of Monsanto Cooperation.

Before opening the floor to students' questions, Murphy said the international chemical manufacturer takes its responsibilities in helping to eliminate air pollution seriously. Murphy said the company's goal is to achieve zero emissions in the future.

"We're being pro-active in exceeding government standards," Murphy stated. In 1992, Monsanto had already met the government's standards for 1997, according to Murphy.

Murphy told the several hundred students and teachers who attended his lecture that while he routinely visits schools and community gatherings to talk about Monsanto's pollution prevention efforts, he is not a public relations specialist, but a member of the company's environmental protection group.

Murphy said he is responsible for keeping Monsanto's Springfield site environmentally safe, and he is a member of the company's hazardous materials response team that is often called in to assist Springfield with hazardous waste pick-up.

"Monsanto's hazmat response team is the envy of every fire department in the state," Murphy noted.

Companies Recognize Need For Conservation

Contrary to the popularly-held belief that business recklessly pollutes the environment in the name of profits, Murphy said most companies

recognize that conserving resources and finding ways to eliminate the discharge of pollutants is not only environmentally responsible, but is a cost-effective way to preserve valuable resources.

Murphy said business and environmentalists must work together to achieve their common goals.

"We don't want our children drinking polluted water or living under a toxic cloud," Murphy stated. "Environmentalists have to realize that what they want won't get done without our working together."

According to Mrs. Bertone-Gross, SAVE was formed three years ago when a number of her students asked that she organize an environmental club. In addition to its Earth Week Celebration, SAVE oversees a paper recycling project at AHS.

Chosen from 35 entries, the winners of the photo contest were Alyson Reed (first place), Mary-Lynn Scortino (second place), and Michael Knodler (third place).



THIS SHOWCASE AT AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL was created by Students Against Violating the Earth group to celebrate "Earth Day." Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Garden Workshops At Stanley Park

Stanley Park of Westfield will once again this year host its annual Saturday morning Gardening Workshop Series.

These monthly workshops will be held Saturday mornings from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. in the sheltered Pavilion on May 14th, June 4th, July 9th, August 6th, September 3rd, and October 1st. Four workshops will feature special guest speakers.

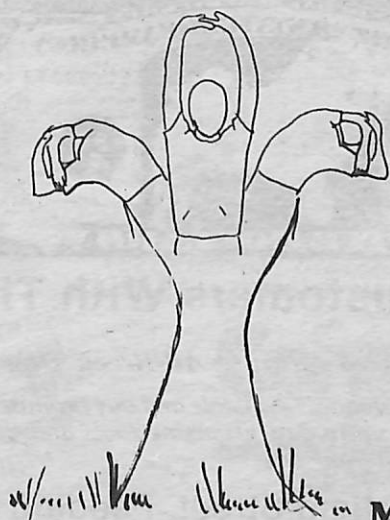
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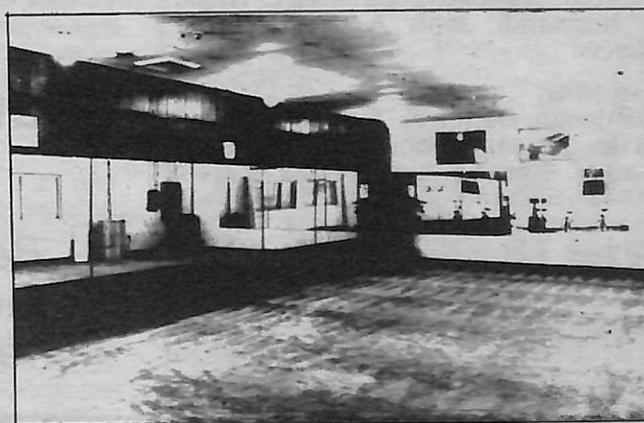
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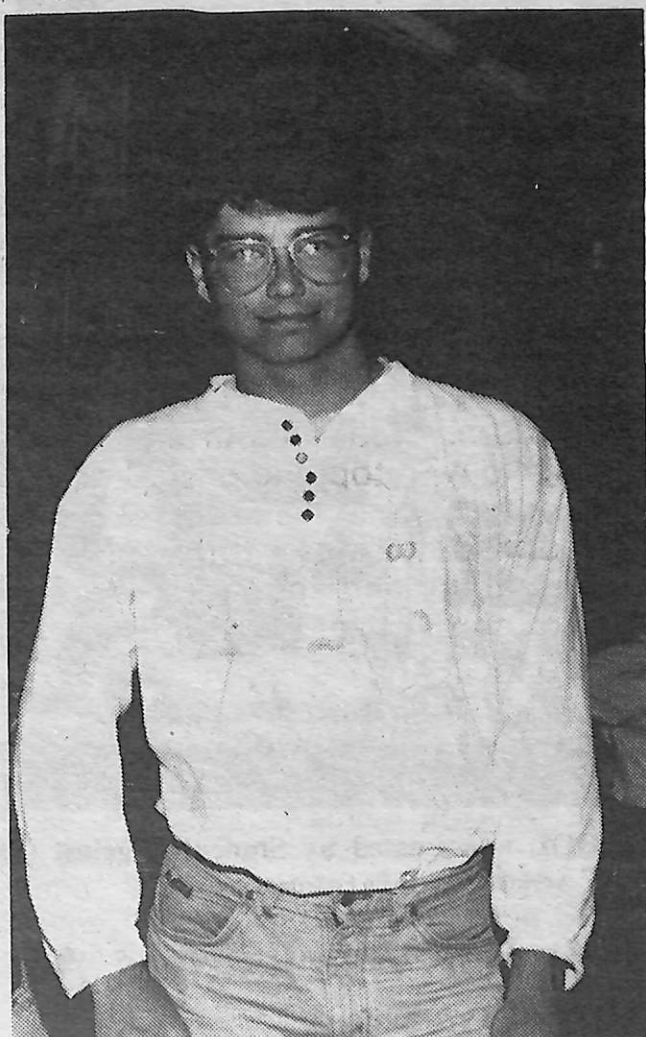
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AHS SENIOR MICHAEL ROSE

AHS Art Dept. Names Senior Michael Rose As Top April Student

Agawam High School senior Michael Rose has been chosen as the Art Department "Artist For the Month Of April." Michael has had two years of drawing and painting with Mrs. Geraldine Ann Schilling-Nordal and a year of sculpture and pottery with Miss Messina.

During the three years being associated with the department, he has maintained an A-plus average. A very versatile young man, Michael stands first in this year's graduating class. His overall accomplishments are numerous.

He has been awarded the Rensselaer Medal for Science and Mathematics, has received the Bausch and Lomb Award from the University of Rochester, the Brown University "Book Award," and a *Boston Globe* Scholastic Art Silver Key.

He has participated in the Chancellor's Award Competition for Academic Excellence at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, the WestFest Juried Art Show, and the Superintendent's Symposium.

In addition, Michael has provided the artwork for the school's theater productions, prom needs, designed the yearbook cover, and is co-editor of the literary magazine, *The Unicorn*. He is a member of the Agawam Chapter of the National Honor Society, the Agawam Artists Guild, the high school tennis team, the Renaissance Program, Future Teacher's Association, and the American Field Service Club.

Michael has also been voted Class Artist for 1994 by this year's graduating class and a Good Citizen by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

In his spare time, Michael plays in a volleyball league, water ski's, builds models (cars and aircraft), enjoys reading (science fiction and Charles Dickens), and is involved in weekly Bible studies.

Michael has had a one man art show in the Superintendent's Office Conference Room. He is self-employed in his own business, "Action Airbrush," in existence since Christmas 1992. He supports himself customizing t-shirts, jackets, pants, etc.

Michael has been accepted at Rochester Institute of Technology and Hartwick College in Oneonta, New York. He will attend Hartwick College, as he has received a \$14,000 Abraham Kellogg renewable scholarship from the college. Locally, he has received the Civitan Award. At college, Michael will major in physics and minor in art.



Agawam High Guidance Report

by Paul C. Cavallo
Chairman

Graduation Day Is Less Than One Month Away!

Graduation day is not that far away—Sunday, June 5th, and preparations are under way to make it a most memorable event.

Prior to graduation, an awards/scholarship program will be held on Thursday evening, June 2nd, beginning at 6:30 p.m. for award/scholarship recipients and their families. Letters will be sent to the parents of students who will be receiving awards, and students will be duly notified.

Members of the teaching staff, department heads, and administration are coordinating the festivities. Following the ceremony, a social hour will be held in the cafeteria.

Of special interest to students and staff is the donation of a 1989 Ford Cougar to Agawam High School's Automotive Technology Program by Springfield Technical Community College. The automobile will be used by Mr. Zaengle's Auto Technology students for technical studies.

The only stipulation that STCC has made is that the car cannot be driven. The Ford Asset Program sponsors a competitive auto technology program at STCC, and as part of its sponsorship, it donates automobiles. When students successfully complete the program, they are qualified to work as a technician in any Ford dealership in the country.

A final note ... with less than seven weeks remaining in the school year for underclassmen, time is getting short for improving grades. It is extremely important for all students to work hard. Remember, if a student fails a required course(s), it must be made up in either Summer School or the following school year. If a student receives below a 55 average in a course, he/she is ineligible to attend Summer School.

Seniors have two weeks remaining in their senior year. As with underclassmen, they should be very serious about doing well. They certainly don't want to jeopardize their chances of graduating.

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES: Congratulations!
Jamie Giordano - Cassanova College
Paul Shannon - STCC

Town Residents On Dean's List At Western New England

Western New England College has named the following students to the Dean's List for the 1993 fall semester:

From Agawam:

Sandra L. Albano, Ursula A. Bean, Kerry L. Byrne, Travis Connor, Tracy L. Daborowski, Kimberly J. Galarneau, Eftechios H. Lambouses, Denise A. Landry, Michelle A. Larrivee, Kelli E. Lawrence, Philip J. Magovern, Jennifer L. Nardi, Matthew P. Normand, John A. Regish, and Melissa J. Wojcik.

From Feeding Hills:

John S. Benjamin, Darren A. Fisher, Jeffrey A. Hastings, Lisa A. MacKechnie, Christian A. Quatrone, Carl M. Vivenzio, and Areecia A. Ward.

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HILARY GOLAS with her mother, **Deborah**, at Holyoke Community College on Thursday, April 28th, which was designated "Take Our Daughters To Work Day."

Hilary Golas Spend Day With Mom And Dad At HCC On "Daughter's Day"

Hilary Golas of Agawam spent the day with her mom, Deborah, at Holyoke Community College's "Take Our Daughters To Work Day" on Thursday, April 28th.

Her mom is the administrative assistant to the Fine & Performing Arts Department and encounters a busy and hectic schedule: dealing with drama productions; tickets sales, music performances; art exhibits; and the cordial duty of dealing with the public on a day-to-day basis.

Hilary assisted her mom for the day and was responsible for answering the department's calls, preparing the mail, filing, and some data input work. Hilary wanted to experience and understand her mom's role in this busy and demanding environment and to better prepare her for her own future.

Hilary also assisted her dad, Richard, who is the Athletic Director at the college, in some clerical duties as well as other duties, and then

did some work in the business office.

Hilary is a fourth grade student at Phelps School and loves to work hard in play, as well as school and sport activities. She's a celebrated member of the Aqua Bears competitive swim team at Suffield Academy in Connecticut, as well as a top swimmer on the local Piranha's Swim Team, being an achievement awardee for the third year.

Being active in Girl Scout Troop No. 556, she was the troop's top cookie seller. She's a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church Choristers and has been a cast member of the Trinity Methodist Church's Christmas production of the Boar's Head Festival.

For two consecutive years, Hilary has been a member of the Pioneer Valley Soccer team (Sidekickers), and her future ambitions include being either a writer or a computer analyst on completion of college.

Agawam Schools' "What's Happening?" (May 14th—May 20th)

- * **May 14th - Saturday:**
Town Fair - Perry Lane Park, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- * **May 16th - Monday:**
Clark School - Spring Book Fair Week.
Junior High - Non-User's Club Open Gym.
- * **May 17th - Tuesday:**
Granger School - Gr. 3, Rm. 6, Storowton Field Trip.
Middle School
- Rms. 315 & 316, StageWest Field Trip.
- Grades 5 & 6 "Band Time Concert," High School Gym, 7:00 p.m.
Junior High - Book Fair (May 17th-20th).
- * **May 18th - Wednesday:**
Robinson Park School - School Council Meeting, 3:45 p.m.
Granger School
- A.M. Kindergarten, Holyoke Museum Field Trip.
- Gr. 3, Rm. 1, Storowton Field Trip.
Middle School - Rms. 203 & 204, Heritage Hall Visitors.
- * **May 19th - Thursday:**
Granger School - P.M. Kindergarten, Holyoke Museum Field Trip.
Phelps School - School Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Rm. 2.
- * **May 20th - Friday:**
Middle School - Gr. 6, Rms. 313 & 311, StageWest Field Trip.

Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, May 16th: Pepperoni-topped pizza, tossed garden salad with spinach greens and dressing, chilled peaches, milk.

Tuesday, May 17th: Oven-baked pork chopette, whipped potatoes, niblet corn, bread & butter, raspberry jello with topping or fruit cup, milk.

Wednesday, May 18th: Rotini with hamburger and spaghetti sauce, tossed garden salad with Italian dressing, garlic bread, strawberry shortcake with topping, milk.

Thursday, May 19th: Oven-baked chicken nuggets, dipping sauce, steamed parsley rice, honey-glazed carrots, bread & butter, cinnamon applesauce, milk.

Friday, May 20th: Oven-baked sea nuggets with catsup or tartar sauce, oven-baked potato, catsup, seasoned green & waxed beans, ice cream cup, milk.

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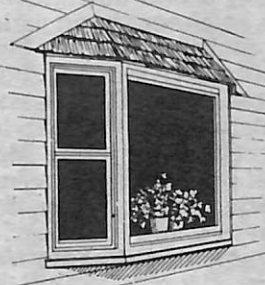
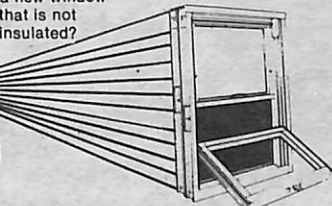
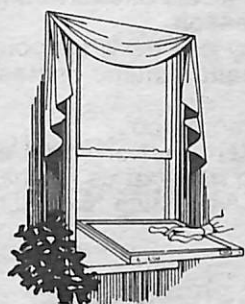
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Parting Words From Bob Johnson...

I REMEMBER...

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

I remember a lot of things about the time that I spent here in Agawam. Five years make a lot of memories.

I remember spending countless hours driving all over New England to see the teams compete. I remember Western Mass championships and league titles.

I remember **Jason Wooley** streaking all over the football field and the basketball court, and marvelling at the speed at which he travelled.

I remember how confidently and well that **Cathy Scaggs** performed with that ever-present, big blue knee brace.

I remember freshman shortstop **Stephanie Mason** making all the plays on a softball team that had only seniors otherwise.

I remember **Matt Gibby** scoring 20 points in one quarter against Central on a night when Travis Best was engineering a big Golden Eagle win.

I remember **Brie Cosgrove** scoring two straight overtime goals in 1-0 playoff soccer games.

I remember the boys' soccer team playing a draining tie against Cathedral in 1989, and **Chad Blackak** booming drives from deep in the backfield.

I remember the first time that I saw freshman **Nicky Langone** go to work on a 171-pound foe from Quabbin.

I remember **Mark Martin** coming from behind to pin opponents with cradles in the State Championships wrestling tournament.

I remember **Ben Benton** playing hockey and streaking all over the ice.

I remember driving to places in the winter on nights when the roads were sheer ice.

I remember all those speed bumps at Chicopee Comp.

I remember the incredible run that the girls' tennis team made to the Western Mass title match.

I remember watching **Shawn Smith** play basketball defense with such passion that it was unbelievable.

I remember men's slow-pitch softball games that were played in World Series-type atmospheres.

I remember Over-30 basketball games and Over-40 softball games.

I remember **Boo Smith** and his charges winning two straight Tri-County Championships against heavily-favored People's Bank.

I remember **Joy Clark** and **Karen Patterson** playing guard in basketball and allowing nobody to penetrate their defenses.

I remember the talent and even temper of **Mike Malanson** in baseball and football.

I remember **Brian Robinson** going on an incredible RBI tear.

I remember the ferociousness of **Stu McGregor** on the wrestling mat.

I remember the incredible ambience of a dual meet against Westfield in wrestling where nobody left the building from either side in less than a full sweat.

I remember **Todd Hyland** getting every single ounce out of his talent and ability.

I remember **Kim Trudel** just getting it done in spectacular fashion in each of her three sports.

AHS Girls' Softball...

AHS Softball Smacks Falcons To Remain Undefeated (11-0)

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

"I feel really good about this bunch of kids," said a rarely satisfied Debbie Lickley on the eve of the season's biggest home game as the Agawam High softball team smacked around visiting Minnechaug Regional High 8-1 for their 11th straight victory.

The unblemished Brownies have gotten it done in a variety of ways this season, as they have established a pattern of coming from behind in many of their wins.

I remember **Brendon Gallagher** ignoring the critics and pouring in points for three straight years.

I remember telling people over and over that it didn't matter to me if Agawam won or not.

I remember **Todd Chamberlain** scoring two touchdowns in Thanksgiving Day football action.

I remember **Mike Birk's** fantastic block against Chicopee Comp.

I remember watching fireplug **Jason Votzak** showing off his breakaway speed at tailback.

I remember **Alyson Manning** creaming a grand slammer in the State Championship softball game.

I remember **Frank DeMarines** mauling everybody in his path en route to two straight New England championships.

I remember **Joe Modzelewski, Jr.** catching those two-point conversions in football.

I remember the howling with delight that occurred after the field hockey team got the season's first goal from **Missy Renaldi** in 1989.

I remember **Brian Anderson** lining up long field goals in football.

I remember **Mike Curto** and his wild antics while playing nose tackle.

I remember kids and parents asking for additional media coverage.

I remember **Nathan Wooley** sacrificing his body with inspirational defensive play on the basketball court.

I remember **Youriy Zdrak** just asking for a chance to play.

I remember **Cyndi Stone** getting better and better and better until she was the best player in the state.

I remember watching as **Kristen Schmaelzle** mangled the soccer ball in her freshman year.

I remember **Keith Hargis** showing us one new move after another as the pins mounted.

I remember **Andrew Ingham** bursting onto the wrestling scene as a freshman and dominating his division.

I remember the boys' soccer team going on an incredible run to make the playoffs and then losing it because of an ineligible player.

I remember **Dan Moriarty** and **Mike Briggs** as two kids that had terrific form, attitudes, and results in everything that they did.

I remember **Michael Cooper** as such a clever wrestler and such a polite young man.

I remember the intelligence of the girls' basketball team and the way that all of the parts meshed together so cohesively.

I remember **Liz Cornwell**, **Holly Deyo**, and **Kate Vivenzio** and how much they enjoyed their roles as scorekeepers on various teams.

I remember **Laura Bielitz** developing a deadly accurate 12-foot set shot.

I remember **Dina DeMarco** scoring four first-half goals against West Springfield in soccer.

I remember **Mike Montessi** standing on his head practically to make saves in hockey.

I remember **Missy Brown** dominating games from midfield in soccer.

I remember **Charlie Weber** as an incredible tactical wrestler.

I remember **Mike** and **Mark DaSilva** as the epitome of warriors on the wrestling mats.

I remember **Mike Dean** coming out for wrestling late in the season and then winning Western Mass at 160 pounds.

I remember **Chad Saliba** being so timid early in his career and then storming back to be one of New England's best big men.

I remember winding up all over the editorial page when I mentioned that a sport no longer appealed to me.

I remember **Jason Blackburn's** spectacular buzzer-beaters in basketball.

I remember brawls that occurred that I wish hadn't occurred.

I remember the girls' basketball team missing a whole bunch of free throws in the State Semi-Finals.

I remember the wrestling team clinching the State Title and then getting disqualified on a rarely enforced rules violation.

I remember **Frank Mochak**, **Ray Burgess**, and **Bob Altobelli** hitting major-league type drives in Tri-County action.

I remember trying to decide which game to cover that day (or night).

I remember **Brett Boskiewicz** playing goal as if he were in the World Cup.

I remember looking at **Dana Almquist's** arms and wondering how in the world they fit on a 112-pounder.

I remember **Alan Boucher** rooting so hard for his little brother, **Chad**, and **Tony Langone** doing the same for his brother, **Nick**.

I remember speaking at a ton of banquets and trying to figure out who the kids were because they were all dressed up.

I remember going to Hoosac Valley to watch football and thinking about how good they were all the way home.

I remember when the wrestling team ran into a buzzsaw named Mount Anthony (Vermont).

I remember **Lauren Seymour** throwing a no-hitter in her first-ever varsity start.

I remember **Sue Jakuboski** scoring two huge goals in one late-season game in soccer.

I remember covering hundreds and hundreds of games every year.

I remember when I saw **Nancy Bazanchuk** for the first time and being thrilled about her courage and attitude.

I remember the super sportsmanship of **Mike Knodler**.

I remember **Eric Mastroianni's** disappointment after learning that an injury would shelve him for his entire senior baseball season.

I remember sharing the joy and the disappointments of more than a thousand athletic contests with the kids in this town.

I remember many, many more, too...

Sports consist of wonderful effort and enthusiasm, and they allow so many of us to share the emotions that go along with them for a good long while afterwards.

I remember.

Amherst at presstime.

The Brownies also have tremendous "effort, desire, and intensity" according to injured star **Dina DeMarco**, who has been shelved with yet another episode of knee trouble suffered in the State Championship game. All of the Brownie outfielders made diving attempts in the Minnechaug game, and **Kristen Schmaelzle** came up with a sparkling sprawling play in center field.

Not this time, though—**Becky Wing** scored the game's first run in the first inning and **April Rapa** came through with a big two-run single up the middle in a four-run second, and the Brownies hung tough behind **Lauren Seymour** who went the route for her fourth win of the year.

"I have been very, very tough on these kids right from the very first day," Coach Lickley told *The AAN*, "and these kids have responded to every challenge." The Brownies host perennial power

1994 Agawam High Spring Sports Coaches & Captains



SOME OF THE IMPORTANT FACES that are giving AHS Spring Sports '94 plenty to cheer about this year. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Cathedral Lives Off AHS Miscues As Brownies Absorb 6th Baseball Loss

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

When Jason Votzak dropped a sky-high can of corn in left field to open the Agawam-Cathedral high school baseball game, the Brownies might have done well to understand the omen of what was about to occur. It might have been time to put the balls and bats back into the bag.

Cathedral would cash in on that "extra out" and then make a living off Agawam miscues for the rest of the day en route to a 12-5 laughter as the Valley Wheel opened play on Monday afternoon.

Jon Jacobsen absorbed the loss for the (6-5) Brownies as he wobbled through an eight-run second inning before calling it a day with a big ice bag on his shoulder.

After Cathedral chased home the first run on a double down the rightfield line in the first inning, the Brownies looked poised to even the score and possibly take the lead.

Walks by leadoff man Jay Peloquin and Brian Colby gave the Brownies a couple of baserunners with one out, and Brian Klinakis took one for the team (hit by pitch) to load the sacks.

Jacobsen chopped one out to second base, which allowed Peloquin to streak home with the tying tally. Votzak got the fat part of the bat on a drive to center, but he got under it just a smidgeon and the centerfielder eased back and made a routine play to end the threat.

The second inning would ultimately tell the tale of Monday's ballgame. For the Panthers, it was a fantasy novel. For AHS, it was a horror show.

Cathedral began the big uprising with a pair of wickedly smacked triples sandwiched around a

comebacker to the mound and they led it 2-1. A walk and a big error through Carm Battista's wickets at short chased home another run, but Votzak rushed in and nailed the back runner trying to make it to third. Agawam was down 3-1, but they now had pinned two outs on the Panthers.

Things Didn't Get Better...

It didn't get any better, however. A stolen base and two singles had the lead up to 4-1 when Battista threw away a potential inning-ending ground ball. Two runs scored on the play and the Panthers had built the lead to five.

A stolen base, a passed ball, and three more singles had the scoreboard working overtime as the lead swelled to 9-1 before the inning would mercifully end.

Still, this Brownie nine doesn't quit and it was evident on this day. Battista would take the hill and shut down the Panthers until the sixth, and the Brownies began chipping away on their uphill climb.

Jeff Campbell opened the bottom of the second with a base on balls and stood there while two teammates were retired. With two down, Peloquin put a super stroke on a high fastball and the wiry sophomore crushed a drive that hit the rightfield fence on the fly for an RBI triple. Jimmy Baldyga followed with a rope into left center for a run-scoring double of his own. Brian Colby walked to keep the inning alive, but Klinakis fanned to end the inning.

In the third, Agawam had a little more fun around the bat rack. Votzak and Campbell drew

one-out walks and Mike Perry laced a 3-2 pitch for a single that would bring Votzak across and trim the margin to 9-4.

Cathedral had several scoring chances in the middle innings, but the Brownie defense rose up with some glittering defense—including the very strong and accurate-throwing Klinakis, who would nail two runners trying to steal on him. The Agawam team also benefitted from an appeal play that turned into an inning-ending double play in the third.

A one-out walk to Colby got Cathedral starter Jim Cronk out of the game, but lefty Tony Mastalerz put out the potential fire.

The Brownies pulled a brilliant pickoff play in the sixth with runners on first and second following a walk and a bloop hit. But second sacker Mike Domaingue botched the play as the back runner worked his way out of a pickle and beat the late throw to the bag.

With runners on second and third, a line single chased the lead runner home for the 10-4 advantage. Klinakis and Domaingue combined to cut down another runner on a double steal, and Battista was able to work his way out of further difficulty.

Agawam made one final noise in their sixth as Colby and Klinakis came through with two-out singles which ultimately got Domaingue (walk) home with their final run.

Cathedral picked up a pair of insurance tallies in the seventh, including scoring one on a suicide squeeze play.

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DONNA ANDREWS
The 1992 U.S. Women's Open

CONCENTRATE ON BALANCE AND TEMPO

For the three weeks leading up to the 1992 Women's Open at Oakmont, I worked very hard on my balance and tempo. All that work paid off with a third-place finish and a lot of confidence.

I try to make sure that my weight is centered evenly over my feet, not out on my toes, which is a tendency I have to guard against. If I can keep my weight centered, I very rarely find myself out of balance at the end of the swing.

I also concentrate on keeping my knee flex constant throughout the entire swing. When I set up to the ball, I want to feel as though I'm sitting on a barstool with my feet firmly planted on the ground. I want to be in the same position through impact.

In terms of tempo I sometimes think "1-2" to myself when I'm practicing both full shots and around the greens, but once I get on the course I try to establish the tempo of my swing with my practice swing. A good tempo is also important because it helps me keep all the parts of my body—my arms, legs, and upper body—connected throughout the swing. That's tough to do when you're swinging out of your shoes.

Good balance and a good tempo are especially important if you hit the ball into the rough, which is very high and thick at the Open. There's a natural tendency to swing harder than usual when you're in the rough. When you do that, it's very easy to ruin both your tempo and balance—and hit a lot of ugly shots.

Fitness First To Hold Summer Swim Lesson Mini-Sessions

Fitness First Racquet & Fitness Center in Feeding Hills will be offering summer swim lessons beginning June 6th and running through the week of June 27th.

The classes will run for four weeks (mini-sessions and are as follows:

- * **Monday**
9:15 to 10:45 a.m. - Toddler Swim & Gym
- * **Tuesday**
9:15 to 10:45 a.m. - Baby Swim & Gym
1:00 to 2:30 p.m. - Preschool Swim & Gym
7:00 to 8:00 p.m. - Adult Swim Lessons
- * **Wednesday**
4:30 to 5:00 p.m. - Beginner Swim Lessons
5:15 to 6:00 p.m. - Advanced Beginner Swim Lessons
- * **Thursday**
9:15 to 10:45 a.m. - Preschool Swim & Gym
4:30 to 5:00 p.m. - Beginner Swim Lessons
5:15 to 6:00 p.m. - Advanced Beginner Swim Lessons
- * **Friday**
9:15 to 10:45 a.m. - Toddler Swim & Gym
- * **Saturday**
9:00 to 10:00 a.m. - Baby Swim
10:00 to 11:00 a.m. - Toddler Swim
11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon - Preschool Swim
Please consult Fitness First for age-appropriate classes and fee information at (413) 786-1460.

Please remember our deadline is each and every Tuesday at 12:00 noon. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter ... AAN!!!

Anyone For Lacrosse???



THE MEMBERS OF THE 1994 lacrosse team at Agawam High School. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



THE SENIORS ON AHS's 1994 lacrosse team - Gina Serra, Katie Berry, Jamie Lewis, Kerry Thompson, Jen Goodfellow, Catherine Greene, Katie Poulos, Laura Asta-Ferrero, and Debbie Parslow. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

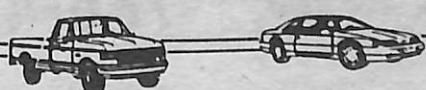
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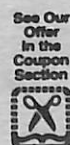
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Spring Can Be A "Gully Washer"

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Maybe just another sign of getting old and crotchety, but why in the world did the basketball world ever stop having players raise their hands following a foul shot? It seemed to go away without legislation, too.

When I was in high school, players had to raise their arms after being detected for a violation. College and professional players did it, too. Certainly, it wasn't always lifted willingly, but it told the crowd who had committed the infraction and it essentially made the player fess up when he had been caught.

If the hand didn't go up, a technical foul generally ensued. I miss it, to tell you the truth...

When DWIGHT SMITH came to Fenway Park two weeks ago as a California Angel and an American Leaguer for the first time, he was assigned the left field position defensively. He made everything an adventure and got quite a few chuckles from the Red Sox announcers, fans, and so forth.

Everybody knows that there is a learning curve to playing the angles in that famous little bit of real estate. But, Dwight Smith also sang the National Anthem at the Big A last Saturday night, and he did a super-fantastic job. Rich, deep, and melodious tones reverberated out of the outfielder who, without question, has a calling in two professions.

It was terrific—and I hope a lot of you had the opportunity to hear it...

Torrential downpours are often found during the baseball season as teams wait out the heavy rains. I remember a Texas-based radio announcer calling one particular storm "a gully washer," and I got a big kick out of it.

That's the best I heard until SKIP CARAY of the Braves dubbed a recent game-halting shower a "frog strangler." Not bad, Skip...

The Florida Marlins base coaches are two of the most colorful names from back when I first started watching baseball. They are VADA PINSON and COOKIE ROJAS. Baseball has always had the best names...

Speaking of names, has anyone ever associated ORESTES DESTRADE of the Marlins with the song "Adeste Fideles"? Sounds almost the same to me, and I remember belting out the Latin version of "O Come All Ye Faithful" as a young choirboy in Vermont. Surely, I couldn't reach those notes today...

You should have seen SCOTTY BOWMAN'S dramatic expression change when JAMIE BAKER of San Jose scorched a shot in Game Seven against Bowman's Detroit Red Wings with 6:35 to play. The top-seeded Wings exited the playoffs (in the first round, mind you) due to that shot, and Bowman will never look that distressed again...

Hey, baseball fans, a guy named MITT is running for Senate against the esteemed TED KENNEDY in this year's election...

Don't forget about the Bulls in these here NBA playoffs. They are looking for what they are calling "Four on the Floor" following their JORDAN Three-peat. They would very much like to have one that they don't have to share with Sir Air, and they also know that they are playing the final games ever in the raucous Chicago Stadium.

The 65 year-old structure will be no more following these playoffs. And, most importantly, every one of the Bulls has been there before...

Boy, am I happy for ELLIE BURKS and all the great things he is doing out in Colorado this spring. Remember, I had him tabbed as a Hall of Famer six years ago.

He has had some fine seasons, but injuries and timidity had stunted his growth—prior to now, anyway...

The NBA said to Vancouver, "Give us \$125 million and we'll let you share in our game." And the good citizens up there are anteing up and building a 20,000-seat stadium...

On the day that DAVE RIGHETTI was released by the A's, the former save king had pitched just as many innings as DENNIS ECKERSLEY (6 and 1/3) and neither of them had notched a save...

BUDDY RYAN will get chances to visit both Philadelphia (November 6th) and Houston (December 4th) in his first season of work with those Arizona Cardinals...

I didn't need any doctor's opinions to make my thoughts firm on PATRICK ROY'S recent illness. If he had an appendix problem, then he shouldn't have been facing a team that had AL IAFRATE on it.

That man can send the rubber screeching toward you at more than a hundred miles per hour, and it doesn't take many of those to complicate your belly troubles...

Isn't it weird to see superstar MICHAEL JORDAN reduced to a Punch and Judy hitter? Doesn't seem to make sense. It would be better if he was more of an "all or nothing" player like BO JACKSON...

Daggett Gymnasts Are Outstanding



OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALIST TIM DAGGETT, owner and operator of Tim Daggett Gold Medal Gymnastics in Agawam, is pictured with some of his outstanding gymnasts at the facility, located on Gold Street (off Suffield Street). IN TOP PHOTO, Daggett is pictured with Patrick McFarlin, John Szymczyk, and Mathieu Perry. IN PHOTO BELOW, Daggett and Coach Tgor Vernyi are pictured with young gymnasts Joe Martelli, Tim Wheeler, Ali Eslami, John Szymczyk, Andrew Leis, and Kevin Suffriti. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



BAUER "In-Line Skating" Demo To Be Held At Fitness First

BAUER, a nationally recognized skating company, will be holding an "in-line" skating demonstration in Fitness First's parking lot on Saturday, May 14th, at 2:00 p.m.

"In-Line" skating is the newest aerobic workout for adults and children conducted on rollerblades. In-Line skating can be done on pavement or on flooring. It can be done for sport, pure enjoyment, an aerobic workout, or a means of transportation.

On May 14th, a BAUER representative will be discussing the benefits and techniques of In-Line skating as well as allowing participants free trials on his skates. The BAUER rep will be bringing padding and many sizes to choose from.

This is strictly a demonstration, however. Sales of skates and/or padding will not be conducted at this demonstration. Tips will be offered free of charge to the public.

Anyone who has their own rollerblade-type skates may join Fitness First at the demonstration with your skates to learn how to fine-tune your skills.

Agawam Express Soccer Team Downs Ludlow Unity

In boys' U12 PVSL action on May 1st, the Agawam Express played in Ludlow and had little trouble defeating the home team, Ludlow Unity.

Within the first three minutes of the soccer game, Barry Ward made a perfect pass to Thaivan Bui, who drove in the first goal to give Agawam a 1-0 lead. With four minutes left in the half, Ludlow scored to tie the match.

Then, just minutes into the second half, Frank DeCaro received a pass from Derek Mercadante and "placed" the ball in the right-hand corner of the goal, making it 2-1 in Agawam's favor. Midway through the second half, Matthew Sharpe lofted a fine pass to Frank DeCaro to score the final goal of the game.

Playing outstanding defense for the Agawam Express were Dan Vinton, Joseph Valenti, Chet Comee, and John DeCaro.

At presstime, the Agawam Express stands at 3-1-1.

Sportsmen's Corner

—By Bill Chiba—
1003 No. Westfield St.
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Looking At The Turkey Hunting Season

Don Loncto, a police officer in Agawam and an ardent turkey hunter, was successful the first day of the turkey season. He called in a bearded turkey early in the morning and dropped it at 35 yards.

When dressing it out, he found an egg in it. The bearded bird was a hen. He was told by a division man that one in 110 hens have been found to sport a beard. The prize bird went 11 pounds, four ounces.

The hunting trio of **Jim Wheeler**, **Ted Leal**, and **Keith Leal** have been running into more hunters than birds. Three times they have been fouled up by turkey hunters cutting in front of them when they have had a bird coming in. They have had hunters pass them in the dark of the morning and set up within sight of them.

"The most disgusting situation is when a hunter purposely sets up between the gobbler and the caller and tries to shoot the bird before it reaches the turkey hunter that is working it," said Teddy. It has happened twice to them.

The attitude of "Hurray for me and to hell with you" is saturating every aspect of our lives today: the respect of not interfering with a fisherman on a stream fishing a hole; a hunter in a spot waiting for a deer; having another hunter set up 50 feet or yards from him over the same run.

When confronted by the first hunter, he replies, "You don't own the woods."

It is so obvious in our daily lives living in the city of Agawam. Watch a session of the Town Council at speak time and listen to the people and their shallow reasons for a prevention of a building permit and the decisions rendered by the council.

A gentleman that I was discussing a particular meeting with hit the nail right on the head when he said, "They sounded like spoiled, selfish brats with the attitude of 'I have mine, go elsewhere for yours!'"

I will say one thing about having televised meetings—it shows it like it is!

Have you been out to Saunders Marina lately? Kurt has expanded his docking facilities and has three mechanics on duty. It sure cuts down your waiting time.

If you are having a difficult time with your outboard motor, give Kurt a call. He will take care of your woes and if you decide to dock your boat for the summer, he can handle that also.

GUN AND AMMO TAX YIELDS \$1.8 MILLION

The Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife will receive more than \$1.8 million for conservation and wildlife management programs this year as its share of a unique sportsmen-supported tax on sporting firearms and ammunition, according to figures released by the office of Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt.

Nationally, the sportsmen-supported tax yielded a record \$191.7 million, representing an increase of over \$26 million from last year.

Each state's share is determined by a formula based on land area and the number of hunting licenses sold. Massachusetts has more than 110,000 licensed hunters and will receive \$1,845,116.

The funds are derived from an 11-percent excise tax on sporting longarms and ammunition which was imposed in 1937 at the request of sportsmen to benefit wildlife management and conservation programs. Also sponsored by the sportsmen was an additional 10-percent tax on handguns, and archery equipment was added in 1970.

Unfortunately, this tremendously beneficial program is in danger of being significantly reduced or eliminated altogether as a result of legislation proposed by New Jersey Senator Bill Bradley, New York Senator Patrick Moynihan, and Senator Patty Murray of Washington (among others).

Their proposals would increase these excise taxes and earmark them for health care. If passed, this legislation could destroy one of the most successful sportsmen/industry/government partnerships ever established, and seriously reduce funding for wildlife and land conservation in all 50 states.

For the past 60 years, taxes paid by the sportsmen have been the backbone of wildlife conservation funding, contributing more than \$2.6 billion since 1939. Massachusetts' share to date is over \$22.7 million.

The taxes raised are responsible for 660,000 jobs.

The following is a list of eight fishing derbies. You may want to join one when on your vacation...

* Cape Cod Sport Fishing: May 30th through October 18th.

* Cape Cod Tuna: July 1st through October 18th.

* Martha's Vineyard Striped Bass: September 15th through October 15th.

* Ipswich Bay Tuna: June 15th through December 1st.

* Cape Cod Fishing: March 15th through December 1st.

* Marblehead Striped Bass: June 1st through October 30th.

* Plum Island/Newburyport Striped Bass: June 1st through October 30th.

* Plymouth Striped Bass: September 1st through September 30th.

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Bob Johnson On Sports...

Basebrawl Has No Place At Friendly Fenway

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

It's July or August 1964. Jimmy Johnson takes his seven year-old son, Bobby, and his nine year-old daughter, Karen, to Yankee Stadium in the Bronx.

It's the first ever game for the youngsters and the day is like magic. It's a doubleheader. Yaz homers in one game and doubles in the nightcap. The Sox lose both games, but they are playing the vaunted Yankees. It doesn't matter that they lost. What matters is that those seats in the upper deck might as well have been first row boxes.

There's hot dogs and cotton candy and Cokes and monuments, and vendors with funny accents. It's an unbelievable day.

Little Bobby loves every second of it and doesn't stop talking about it until he goes to Fenway for the first time in 1966. A man and a boy bonding a relationship of a lifetime.

Home Away From Home

Years later, little Bobby grows into a man and goes into the sports business. And he goes to ballgames almost every night. One year, he goes to Fenway Park 43 times. Sometimes the Red Sox win; sometimes the Red Sox lose. It doesn't matter because he thinks of his dad every single time. Bobby has a home away from home.

As soon as Bobby's wife gives birth to a 10½ pound son in 1988, Bobby is plotting his first magical trip to Fenway with his boy. Don't try to tell him that you can't recreate a good time.

So it was that Bobby took five year-old Bradley to the game last Tuesday night. A trip to the Souvenir Shop across from the park nets the youngster his first Red Sox hat. It costs \$15, but you can't put a price on a memory that special. He gets a "Green Monster" tee shirt, too.

He doesn't even know that the park is inside, but "really outside, right Daddy?" Right, Bradley.

Outside the park, he gets a program. You can't tell the players without a scorecard. A newspaper vendor gives him a complimentary copy of *Baseball Weekly*. Tens of old Red Sox fans tap him on his cap and tell him to have a great time.

He's as excited as a five year-old can be. Thousands mill around waiting for the park to open at 5:30 p.m. A friend had given them the tickets (six rows behind the Sox dugout!) Some fathers can never get their sons closer than the

cheap seats. Brad's almost got a front row venue.

Amazingly, he is able to follow the ball beautifully as the batting practice show gets underway. There's Ken Griffey Junior tattooing the seats in the rightfield bleachers with high majestic drives. There's Jay Buhner hitting them over the nets in leftfield. Bradley is amazed. He wants to be a pro baseball player.

We walk down by the dugout where Mike Easler is standing. An overzealous fan that Bobby and Bradley had met outside the park took the new hat off Bradley's head and gave it to the Hit Man. The effervescent Easler is apprised of the fact that it was Bradley's first ever game. He signs his autograph on the hat. The youngster objects, "No, I don't want him writing on my new hat!" It takes a couple of minutes, but Bobby tells his son that many kids would love to have that writing on their hat.

Then came the Fenway Franks and the peanuts and the \$2 bottled water and the French fries and the ice cream. This is a big day for Bradley and his daddy.

This Is Baseball??

With two outs in the third inning, Bradley was initiated into the new ways of baseball. A Seattle player (Eric Anthony) charged the pitcher Paul Quantrill after feeling that a brushback pitch was designed to decapitate him.

Big Mo Vaughn and all the other players ran towards the mound and joined in the melee. Thousands and thousands of fans immediately jumped up and began cheering the action on the field. At least one player was injured (a minor hand injury).

But, what they will never know is that little Bradley climbed on a chair and hugged his daddy, "Daddy, why are these people cheering? When are they going to stop fighting?"

Bobby picked up the program. Bobby picked up the leftover peanuts, the new shirt, and his young son and exited Fenway Park.

Thanks for the memories, guys. (Shame on all of you!)

Agawam Women's Softball Standings (As Of May 9th)

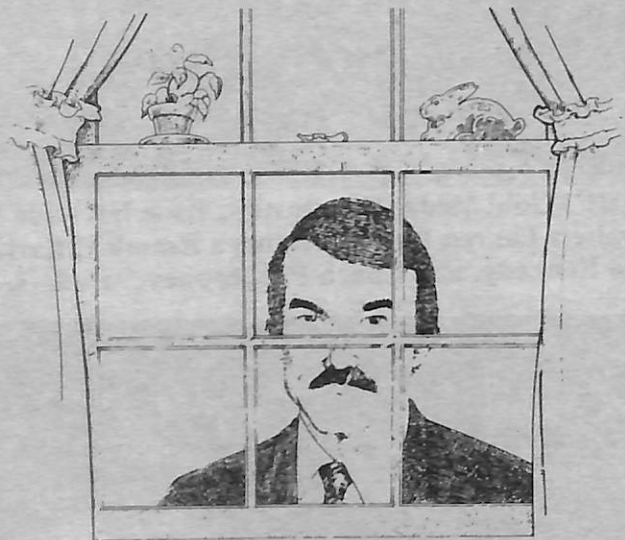
"A" DIVISION	W	L
Our Hideaway	3	0
Desi's Place	3	1
Southworth Paper Co.	1	2
TJ's Sporthouse	1	2
Buccaneer Lounge	0	3
"B" DIVISION	W	L
Club 57	4	0
Jessica's Lounge	3	1
Bears	2	2
Buccaneer Lounge	2	2
N.E. School Supply	2	2
Desi's Place	2	2
Bobby's Lounge	1	3
Ames Plumbing/Heating	0	4

SHAA Girls' 13-15 League Standings

Casa di Lisa	6
One Stop Redemption	4
Bosquet Builders	2
Agawam Lions	2
Polish Club Bingo	2
John's Trucking	0

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Gymnasts From Daggett's Gold Medal Excel At State Meet

Massachusetts State Championships held in Woburn, MA at Gym and More this past weekend gave way to inspired gymnasts from Daggett Gold Medal Gymnastics.

Level 7 Team Gymnasts Jaime Scott-Smith, Amy Reynolds, Brooke Giguere, Kim Pietroniro, Lindsey Hadden, and Denise DaSilva won first place honors as a team. In individual competition, Jaime Scott-Smith placed second AA with a score of 34.65, and Amy Reynolds finished third, scoring 34.15 AA.

Daggett's Level 6 girls just missed first place by six-tenths of a point, placed second as a team. The Level 6 team members were Kari Barnowski, who also stunned the crowd with a captivating all-around performance, scoring 36.75 AA to win first place (average of 9.25 in all events), Jaime Thrall, KDee Bramley, Tyler St. Jean, who placed sixth (35.4 AA), Brynne Kennedy, who placed fourth (35.8 AA), and Lauren Powell.

Level 5 members from the Daggett Gym are Noelle Marquez, Katie Nelson, Brionne Lancour, Sarah Tivoli, and Laura Janarelli. Noelle Marquez, who had outstanding performances on all events, placed third at State's Level 5.

The proud coaching staff at Daggett's Gym were head coach Joe Saimeri (co-owner), Pat Rooney, Angela Sullivan, and Patty Donaldson.

Congratulations, Daggett Gold Medal gymnasts!!

Some Good Tips For Keeping Safe On Your Bike

With signs of spring finally approaching, bicycling enthusiasts are getting ready to kick off the season with an exciting event for a great cause.

The Pioneer Valley Tour de Cure in South Hadley on Sunday, June 12th, will raise funds to help find a cure for diabetes. Participants can choose from three distances, with plenty of rest stops and support all along the route.

Brian Case, owner of Cycle Fitness in Longmeadow, says now is the time for cyclists to get their bikes tuned up and in good condition. "Spring and summer cycling can be a great experience," Case says, "but you can damage your bicycle or yourself if you're not ready." Case offers the following preparation tips for spring:

1. Check your tires and make sure they're inflated to the proper pressure. Time and temperature can both cause deflation. Properly inflated tires will minimize wheel damage and flat tires.

2. Check your brake pads. Salt in the air and time can cause them to dry out, increasing the chance of accidents. Replace the pads if necessary.

3. Get yourself a lightweight, cool helmet to wear at all times. Up to 90 percent of all cycling injuries are head injuries — protect yourself!

4. If you are planning any long-distance cycling, invest in a good pair of gloves. They minimize hand fatigue during long rides and reduce hand pain and stress caused by constant vibration.

5. When starting out this spring, you'll shape up faster by increasing your cycling time and distance gradually, rather than increasing the difficulty of your ride. Cycling at a steady, comfortable pace also helps to prevent injury. Most physical strains happen early in the season!

Cycle Fitness is one of the local sponsors for Tour de Cure. Case will be providing mechanical support to cyclists at the Start/Finish line as well as out on the route. Registered Tour de Cure participants will receive a 10 percent discount on a bike tuneup at Cycle Fitness during the month of May.

Cycle Fitness is also offering a gift certificate for the cyclist who raises the most pledges for the American Diabetes Association.

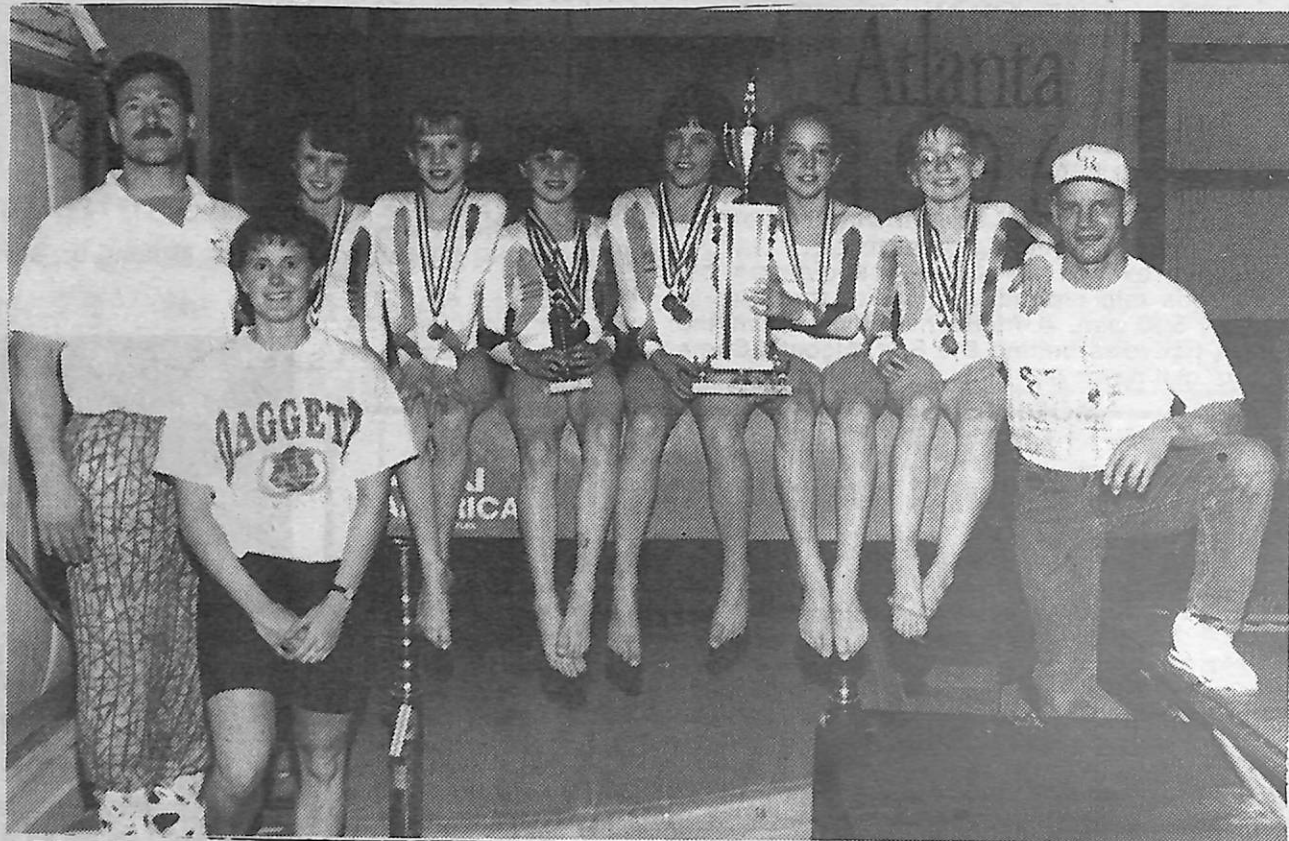
The Pioneer Valley Tour de Cure starts at the South Hadley Middle School on Mosier St. in South Hadley. Cyclists can choose a 25, 50, or 100 kilometer route over scenic back roads of the Five College Area.

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LEVEL 7 STATE CHAMPS from Tim Daggett's Gold Medal Gymnastics. Back row - Coach Pat Rooney, Coach Joe Saimeri, and Coach Angela Sullivan. From left - Michelle Germano (level 9), Denise DaSilva, Kim Pietroniro, Jaime Scott Smith, Amy Reynolds, Lindsey Hadden, and Brooke Giguere. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



LEVEL 6 gymnasts from Tim Daggett's Gold Medal Gymnastics, from left - Joe Saimeri and Angela Sullivan, coaches; team members Lauren Powell, Kathryn Bramley, Kari Barnowski, Tyler St. Jean, Jamie Thrall, Brynne Kennedy, and Coach Pat Rooney. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



LEVEL 5 gymnasts from Tim Daggett's Gold Medal Gymnastics, from left - Noelle Marquez, Brionne Lancour, Sarah Tivoli, Laura Janarelli, Katie Nelson, and Coach Joe Saimeri. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Racing At Riverside... Park Takes May 7th Modified Feature

As of Saturday, May 7th, there have been seven different NASCAR tour-type Modified winners thus far for the 1994 season at Riverside Park Speedway. For the Budweiser Winston special event last Saturday, **Steve Park** came from 16th and won his first race at Riverside for veteran owner Joe Brady.

Eric LeClair led the race for 14 laps when the red-hot team of Stan Greger and Reggie Ruggiero came from the back; Greger drove low and out-powered LeClair to take the lead. Once in charge, Greger pulled away by three car lengths.

Just before the halfway mark, Fran Principi lost a radiator and this sent cars in the top-10 positions spinning (fortunately, no real damage was done). With less than 10 laps to go, Steve Park moved in to close up the gap on Greger.

Inch by inch, Park forced Greger high to take the lead. Once Park took over, he pulled away by almost a straightaway. While this was happening, another great run was turned in as Chris Kopec battled with Bruce Dell, who started 19th. Bobby Gee was also a part of this position swap.

A crowd of 5,192 witnessed Steve Park win his first event at Riverside in Joe Brady's Cavalier. Second was Stan Greger (Monofort Const.), third was Reggie Ruggiero (Pelly Racing), fourth was Chris Kopec (Mutual Ford), and fifth was Bruce Dell (International Auto Body).

Sixth through 10th were Bobby Gee (Oral B), Brian Miller (Tony's Auto), Dunk Rudolf (Dunk's Auto), Charley Pasteryak (Red Baron Pizza), and Tom Jensen (the Modified winner on April 30th).

"I am thrilled for Joe Brady. We changed motors and quick-changed rears. It's been a long time for Joe to win in New England. This is a great quarter-mile; it is a real driver's track," said the popular Steve Park.

Kevin Czarnecki led the first 14 laps in the Pro Stock main event, as veteran drivers Reggie Ruggiero and Rick Fuller also made the field. Then, it was Scott Bouley who took the number-one spot.

While this was going on, **John Lobo** took the lead, and Tom Fearn also came to the front. The

only caution came was when Barry Gray got wrecked down the back straightaway.

At the checker, it was John Lobo for his first win of 1994. Second went to Tom Fearn (Somersville Auto Sales), third was Scott Bouley, and Kevin Czarnecki and Dave Berube came in fourth and fifth, respectively.

Rounding out the top 10 were Ted Hebert, Bill Lauridsen, Sumner Chapman, Dave Caruso, and Jeff Horn.

"I really feel good about this season—we want the title," said Lobo. He was quick to thank his sponsors, Wagner Rug and Paul Wing's Construction.

Bob Kroskie dominated the start of the Late Model feature, and then Keith Minchella out-powered him for the lead. Gee Perry, the all-time season winner, dropped out of the race due to a brake problem.

While this was happening, Gary Fiormonti and Chuck Docherty were moving to the front. At the checker, the talented **Gene McClain** had taken over the lead and pulled way away from the field; McClain was the star and never looked better to the finish.

Second was Ted Chalmers over Gary Fiormonti, Chuck Docherty, and Marty Leary. Sixth through 10th were Glen Griswold, Rick Hartenstein, Fred LaForge, Keith Minchella, and Joe Czarnecki.

Rob Valerio secured his third 1994 in the Strictly Stock division, and Herb Carlon was the second-place finisher. Third through fifth went to Jay Miller, Roger Fujimoto, and Todd Owen.

Rounding out the top-10 finishers for the Strictly Stocks were Al Leone, Bill Reiman, Mike Salmond, Roy Houle, and Joe Arena.

This Saturday, May 14th, Riverside will host the "NAPA Auto Parts Special," a four-division event with the tour-type Modifieds, Pro Stocks, Late Models, and the Strictly Stocks.

For more information, call Riverside Park Speedway at (413) 786-9300.

Winner's Circle Has Different Faces At Riverside Speedway

With the month of May under way, Riverside Park Speedway has had no repeat winners in its Modified division of the NASCAR Winston Racing Series. Moreover, over 100 cars have completed week in and week out in the three-division format.

Based on the success of the three divisions, Ben Dodge, Jr., Riverside's Promoter/Director, decided to change the number of competing divisions from three to four beginning last Saturday, May 7th; this would determine a four- to five-division format for every Saturday evening race until October 29th (the final event for the 1994 season).

The reasons for this format change to four divisions are simple: 1) most of the teams are now ready to compete on a weekly basis, and 2) because Riverside has not had a program end after 9:00 p.m., there is time to run the full premiere schedule. The four Riverside divisions now running weekly are tour-type Modifieds, Pro Stocks, Late Models, and Strictly Stocks.

Based on this four-division format, the program will open the pits at 11:00 a.m. At 4:00 p.m., the south gate will open, with the main gate of the park selling race tickets starting at 12:00 noon. All tickets for races include a walk-through admission to the park for free shows and a great atmosphere of games and great food (rides are separate).

The Strictly Stock heats will begin at 4:00 p.m., followed by some additional pre-race qualifiers. The action officially opens in the stadium at 6:00 p.m. with a full-feature event format, plus the qualifying races. Each week, the program is estimated to be over by 10:45 p.m., and most four-division shows cost \$10.99 for adults.

In addition to the regular Saturday evening events, Riverside's May programming will also include the season's first Sunday event on May 29th—this is a rain-or-shine thrills spectacular called a Marathon Madness Enduro. The event will feature a full-size Enduro, a four-cylinder Enduro, figure 8 races, Mini Stocks, Super Stocks, Strictly Stocks, Legend cars, half-ton trucks, plus the Pro 4 Modifieds and a Demolition Derby.

This "Memorial Day" Sunday special has 25 action-packed events for only \$9.99 for adults (as always, kids under 12 are just \$2.99). Entry is taken until the Enduro begins, and anyone over 16 is welcome; you can win as much as \$1,000 with an old junk car!

For a free schedule, rules, etc., write Riverside Park Speedway, P.O. Box 307, Agawam, MA 01001.

Riverside Park Speedway's STANDINGS

MODIFIEDS			
Stan Greger	110	Steve Park	70
Reggie Ruggiero	110	Bob Gegetskas	70
Dan Avery	100	Eddie Spiers	68
Chris Kopec	92	Brian Scofield	66
Doug Meservey	82	Brian Miller	62
Tom Cravenho	76	Marty Radewick	50
Tom Jensen	72	Richard Savary	50
		Bruce D'Alessandro	44

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PRO STOCKS

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Bill Lauridsen	72
Tom Fearn	66
Lou Prior	62
Eddy Carroll	42
Barry Gray	42
Dave Berube	40
Ted Hebert	38
Ed Carroll	36
Sumner Chapman	34
Tom Carey	32
Scott Bouley	32
Jeff Horn	26
Kevin Czarnecki	24

LATE MODELS

Chuck Docherty	106
Gee Perry	100
Martin Leary	92
Ted Chalmers	80
Gary Fioramanti	72
Fred LaForge	68
Glenn Griswold	66
Gene McClain	48
Joe Czarnecki	40
Mike Bushior	36
Ricci Nazzuitti	36
Rick Hartenstein	36
Ed Haluch	26
Ernie Tarca	24
Brian Merchant	22

STRICTLY STOCKS

Chuck Alessio	136
Rob Valerio	130
Herb Carlon	106
Scott Neleber	90
Todd Owen	90
Roger Fujimoto	78
Mike Salmond	76
Joe Arena	74
Al Leone	74
Vinnie Buonocore	56
Ken Marquis	56
Jay Miller	52
Tom Dileo	40
Bill Reiman	40
Rosi Hall	38

ADVERTISER NEWS

May "Hot" Month At Riverside

The month of May is loaded with variety in NASCAR auto racing at Riverside Park Speedway.

The NAPA Auto Parts stores will present a four-division event on Saturday, May 14th; this is the start of a mini NAPA point series based on six NAPA sponsored events. Over \$12,000 is posted for this program, and this includes point money, trophies, and heat bonus money. The Modifieds, Pro Stocks, Late Models, and Strictly Stocks will be the key divisions, and the pits open at 11:00 a.m. (the action starts at 6:00 p.m.). Adults are \$10.99, and kids 12 and under are \$2.99. The admission includes a walk through New England's largest and finest amusement park.

The John Haymond Law Offices will present the same basic format on Saturday, May 21st—four divisions featuring 16-plus events and over 100 cars. The cost is \$10.99 for adults, and \$2.99 for kids 12 and under.

The Saturday, May 28th program will be a five-division special co-hosted by Sunoco Race Fuels

and Acme Auto Supply. This night will feature the fast and competitive Pro 4 Modifieds in action, as well as the Modified four-type cars, Pro Stocks, Late Models, and Strictly Stocks. The May 28th show is a 200-car special priced at \$14.99 for adults, and \$2.99 for kids 12 and under.

On Sunday, May 29th, it's the first rain-or-shine Marathon Madness Enduro for the 1994 season at Riverside Park Speedway. This "thrill show" event will feature a full-size Enduro, a four-cylinder Enduro, figure 8 races, Super Stocks, Strictly Stocks, Mini Stocks, Pro 4 Modifieds, Legends, half-ton trucks, police races, and a Demolition Derby. All of this racing action is priced at \$9.99 for adults, and \$2.99 for kids 12 and under. The pits open at 11:00 a.m., and the event will start at 6:00 p.m. Entry is available in all Enduro classes.

For more information, call (413) 786-9300, extension 3264, or write to Riverside Park Speedway, P.O. Box 307, Agawam, MA 01001 for free rules and regulations.

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Cortina Tile	3	2
Plainfield Scrubbers	3	2
Sam's Sports Bar	2	2
Agawam Spirit Shoppe	2	2
Dante Club	2	2
Cabin	2	3
EB's	1	2
Bobby's Iron Ducks	1	3
Joey's Pizzeria/Pub	1	3
Bobby's Lounge 1	1	4

AMERICAN—NORTH	W	L
Italian Sporting Club	5	0
Scoreboard Lounge	3	1
Village Lounge	2	0
Agawam Moose Club	2	1
Winn Liquors	2	2
Elbow Sharks	2	3
Balise/Honda	2	4
Abbett Tax Consultants	1	2
Balzer's Tool Coating	1	4
Powers Cafe	1	4

AMERICAN—SOUTH	W	L
Bertelli's Liquors	5	0
Bobby's Lounge	5	1
Pink Cadillac Prod.	4	0
Lessard Property Mgt.	3	1
Buccaneer Lounge 2	3	1
Bio Care	3	2
Southworth Paper Co.	3	2
Buccaneer Lounge 1	2	2
Michael Anthony's	2	3
Desi's Lounge	2	2
Coast To Coast	2	3
PTS.	1	3
Heritage Hall	1	4
Paul's Lounge	1	4
Agawam Tire/Auto	0	4
Teddy Bear Pools	0	5

Owners Of Fitness First Attend Health Club Trade Show In Nevada

Kurt & Paula Welker, owners of Fitness First Racquet and Fitness Center in Feeding Hills, were among more than 200 health and sports club executives to attend the 13th Annual IRSA Convention and Trade Show in Reno, Nevada, March 23rd-26th.

The Convention, which was offered by IRSA, The Association of Quality Clubs, featured over 60 seminars aimed at helping quality health and sports clubs to attract and retain members.

Former U.S. Surgeon General C. Everett Koop, M.D., who was named 1994 IRSA Person of the Year, was the keynote speaker. In his address, Dr. Koop said that physicians are not doing enough to provide regular exercise.

He noted that, according to some analysts, prevention and health promotion can postpone up to 70 percent of premature deaths, while curative medicine can postpone only 10-15 percent.

"As the average age of our population increases, health issues will increase correspondingly," said Fitness First Assistant General Manager, Barb Vinciguerra, who also attended a lecture by Ken Dychtwald, Ph.D., author of *The Age Wave*, on exercise and aging.

"Regular exercise is some of the best insurance we have against heart disease, hypertension, osteoporosis, and a host of other medical conditions," she said.

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New Bleachers For Little League Games



AFTER THE LONG AND SNOWY WINTER, the Agawam Little League was certainly ready for spring; and, to commemorate the new season, the Little League put up new bleachers last month! Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Ag. Little League Standings (As Of 5/7)

MAJOR LEAGUE	W	L
Agawam Police DARE Orioles	4	0
Schlaffer Chir. Indians	3	1
Mushy's Recreation Yankees	2	2
Rollaway Mets	2	2
H.P. Hood's Giants	2	2
Valenti's Rest. Red Sox	2	2
Hastie Fence Athletics	2	2
Laureno Lumber Braves	1	3
Bridgeport Nat'l. Royals	1	3
Soda & Pet Food City Dodgers	1	3

MINOR LEAGUE	W	L
Bolduc Scr. Printing Yankees	2	0
VFW No. 1632 Red Sox	2	0
Mercolino's Bakery Giants	2	0
Teddy Bear Pools Mets	1	1
Green Thumb Land. Braves	1	1
Agawam Lion's Club Dodgers	1	1
Commercial Disposal Orioles	0	2
Italian Sport. Club Indians	0	2
Polish-Amer. Club Royals	0	2

Agawam Babe Ruth League Standings

13-15	W	L	T	P
Chris Auto Sales Padres	3	0	0	6
Mike Walsh Braves	2	1	0	4
Red Sox	2	2	0	4
Grand Lumber Royals	2	1	0	4
Bridgeport Nat. Bindery Yankees	2	2	0	4
Country Jeep Eagle Blue Jays	1	2	0	2
Corner Deli & Variety Indians	1	2	0	2
Microtest Orioles	1	2	0	2
Rockies	1	3	0	2

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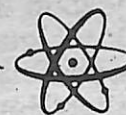
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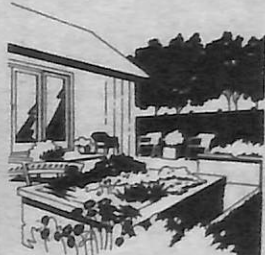
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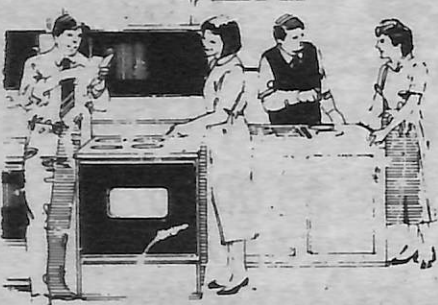
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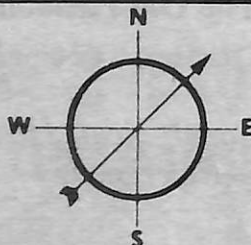
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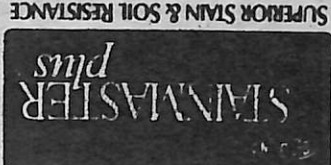
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